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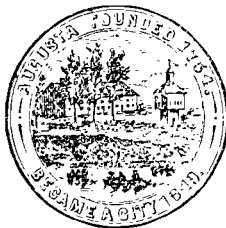
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NINETEENTH ANNUAL  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITOR AND TREASURER  
OF THE  
CITY OF AUGUSTA,  
AT THE  
CLOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR, MARCH 15, 1869,  
WITH THE  
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.  
REPORT OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
AND  
REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATION OF  
THE CITY GOVERNMENT, AND JOINT STANDING  
COMMITTEES OF 1869.



AUGUSTA :  
PRINTED AT THE MAINE STANDARD OFFICE.  
1869.

## CITY OF AUGUSTA.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1869.

*Ordered*, That the Reports of the several Departments for the past year, this day accepted, be and the same are hereby referred to the Auditor of Accounts, and he is hereby directed to cause one thousand copies of the same to be printed and distributed for the use of our citizens.

Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest: G. P. COCHRANE, *City Clerk*.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1869.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: LEVI PAGE, *Clerk*.

A true copy—

Attest: G. P. COCHRANE, *City Clerk*.

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## CITY OF AUGUSTA.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 27, 1869.

*Ordered*, That one thousand copies of the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Auditor and Treasurer of the City of Augusta, for the Municipal Year ending March 15, 1869, with the Mayor's Address, and the Report of the Superintending School Committee, and Reports of the several Departments, and the Joint Standing Committees of 1869, be printed for the use of the City Council and for general distribution, and that the City Auditor cause the same to be done.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

LEVI PAGE, *Clerk*.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 27, 1869.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: JOSEPH NOBLE, *City Clerk*.

A true copy—

Attest: JOSEPH NOBLE, *City Clerk*.

# CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT,

For the year ending March 15, 1869.

*To the Honorable the Mayor, the Aldermen and  
Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor herewith to submit the Nineteenth Annual Financial Report of the City of Augusta.

## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED, 1868.

State Tax,	.	.	\$12,312 80	
County Tax,	.	.	4,933 61	
				17,246 41
Schools,	.	.	6,000 00	
Fire Department,	.	.	5,500 00	
Highways,	.	.	7,500 00	
Snow Bills,	.	.	1,000 00	
New Streets,	.	.	1,000 00	
Poor,	.	.	5,000 00	
Salaries,	.	.	3,500 00	
Police,	.	.	2,590 00	
Printing,	.	.	450 00	
Interest,	.	.	21,000 00	
Abatements,	.	.	2,500 00	
Discounts,	.	.	4,500 00	
Contingent,	.	.	6,000 00	
City Debt,	.	.	2,500 00	
				69,040 00
Fractional overlay,	.	.	3,971 79	
Supplementary taxes,	.	.	645 76	
				90,903 96
Total amount assessed,				

Whole number of Polls, 1691 ; Poll tax, \$3.00.

Amount of Real Estate to Resident owners,	2,208,751 00
“ Personal Estate to Resident owners,	1,824,110 00
“ Real Estate to Non-resident owners,	329,361 00
“ Personal Estate to Non-resident owners,	121,210 00
	4,483,432

Rate per cent., 19 mills.

## STATE TAX.

## DR.

For paid balance of tax of 1867,	\$10,000 00	
"    toward tax of 1868,	2,750 80	
balance of 1868 tax, unpaid,	9,562 00	
	<u>22,312 80</u>	

## CR.

By appropriation, 1868,	12,312 80	
By balance of 1867 tax, paid,	10,000 00	
	<u>22,312 80</u>	

## COUNTY TAX.

## DR.

For paid tax of 1868,	\$4,933 61	
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## CR.

By appropriation,	4,933 61	
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## HIGHWAYS.

## DR.

For paid bills of 1868-9,	\$7,756 13	
"    "    1867,	105 35	
	<u>7,861 48</u>	

## CR.

By appropriation,	7,500 00	
By received for labor, &c.,	88 80	
By charged Contingent account,	272 68	
	<u>7,861 48</u>	

## SNOW BILLS.

## DR.

For paid bills of 1868-9,	\$1,255 27	
"    "    1867,	12 00	
	<u>1,267 27</u>	

## CR.

By appropriation,	1,000 00	
By charged Contingent account,	267 27	
	<u>1,267 27</u>	

## NEW STREETS.

## DR.

For paid bills,	\$222 00	
For credited Contingent account,	778 00	
	<u>1,000 00</u>	

## CR.

By appropriation,	1,000 00	
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## CITY OFFICERS.

## DR.

For paid S. W. Lane, Auditor, 1867,	\$50 00	
Same, Supt. S. Committee, 1867.	114 09	
G. G. Fletcher, S. Committee, 1867,	87 00	
E. E. Hayward " " "	5 50	
B. H. Cushman, Assessor, "	90 00	
		346 59
J. M. Plummer, City Marshal,	600 00	
E. B. Thorn, Assessor,	198 00	
G. P. Cochrane, City Clerk,	300 00	
J. P. Deering, Treasurer,	1,000 00	
Levi Page, Clerk City Council,	25 00	
J. A. Pettengill, Street Engineer,	66 00	
Libby and Lancey, Assessors,	387 50	
J. W. Bradbury, Jr., City Solicitor,	60 00	
G. W. Martin, City Physician,	100 00	
P. O. Vickery, Chief Engineer,	100 00	
C. B. Cunningham, 1st Assistant Engineer,	50 00	
Daniel Herrin, 2d " "	50 00	
B. Libby, Overseer of the Poor,	62 50	
H. Chisam, " "	62 50	
D. Williams, Mayor,	300 00	
N. Perkins, Street Commissioner, .	200 00	
A. Glidden, " "	200 00	
Baker Weston,	25 00	
		4,133 09
	CR.	
By appropriation,	3,500 00	
Charged in Contingent account,	633 09	
		4,133 09

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## DR.

For amount paid Atlantic Engine Company,	\$450 00
Cushnoc " "	225 00
Pacific " "	450 00
William Burgess,	10 00
Wm. Springer,	707 98
Geo. Hayes,	25 00
E. Ladd,	25 00
P. O. Vickery,	86 85
F. Morlan,	262 05
J. I. Plummer,	5 00
R. Lishness,	1 50
F. Arnold,	80
J. Brock,	1 50
G. S. Clark,	1 00
G. Flagg,	1 50
W. H. House & Gould,	46 25

## FIRE DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

For amount paid	Chas. Diplock,	.	.	\$2 00
	E. Haskel,	.	.	4 00
	Safford & Son,	.	.	25 43
	Z. Hanks,	.	.	128 75
	J. E. Ward,	.	.	5 00
	Ken. Land & Lumber Co.,	.	.	68 10
	J. C. Boynton,	.	.	4 50
	P. Cancannon,	.	.	2 00
	P. Witham,	.	.	4 87
	J. Fifield,	.	.	19 00
	Cushnoc Co.,	.	.	21 00
	Thos. Lambard,	.	.	1 10
	Boyd & Sons,	.	.	3,375 14
	Amoskeag Co.,	.	.	16 31
	L. Butler,	.	.	15 00
	B. Britt,	.	.	1 10
	A. Jenkins,	.	.	1 10
	R. Eaton,	.	.	9 42
	G. Flagg,	.	.	4 00
	C. B. Cunningham,	.	.	4 00
	W. S. Spear,	.	.	4 00
	Edwin Ladd,	.	.	4 00
	Fuller & Son,	.	.	10 50
	Ballard & Chase,	.	.	40 99
	E. H. Ballard,	.	.	18 00
	L. E. Ward,	.	.	8 50
	Safford & Son,	.	.	3 81
	Johnson Bro's,	.	.	29 77
	Parker & Robbins	.	.	6 00
	Parrott & Bradbury,	.	.	15 84
	Hedge & Co.,	.	.	2 50
	Burns & Fuller,	.	.	30 25
	H. Burns,	.	.	4 75
	H. H. Norcross,	.	.	14 31
	Hutchins & Co.,	.	.	9 95
	J. C. Boynton,	.	.	33 00
	M. G. Brooks,	.	.	2 58
	G. G. Burns,	.	.	5 75
	Coller & Hamilton,	.	.	21 95
	H. O. Nichols,	.	.	1 50
	G. Flagg,	.	.	1 10
	Parrott & Bradbury,	.	.	169 68
	Gas Co.,	.	.	25 39
	J. C. Boynton,	.	.	25 00
	E. Ladd,	.	.	4 00
	G. Flagg,	.	.	5 00
	W. K. Lancey,	.	.	12 38
	B. Libby & Co.,	.	.	2 59

6,329 44

## FIRE DEPARTMENT--CONTINUED.

## CR.

By appropriation . . . . .	\$5,500 00	
Proceeds from sale of old hose,	349 00	
Labor of City team, . . . . .	574 00	
Balance charged Contingent account,	106 44	
	<u>        </u>	6,529 44

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## DR.

For amount of bills paid,	\$6,016 93	
For credited Contingent account, undrawn,	83 21	
	<u>        </u>	6,100 14

## CR.

By appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
By cash, town of Mercer,	50 00	
Town of Lincoln,	35 50	
City of Bangor,	130 87	
Town of Belgrade,	300 00	
Town of Avon,	5 75	
Town of Eden,	46 12	
Town of Vassalboro',	36 08	
Town of Unity,	88 16	
Town of Phillips,	64 00	
Town of Whitefield,	16 00	
Of individuals,	67 66	
Sale of one yoke of oxen,	260 00	
	<u>        </u>	6,100 14

## INTEREST.

## DR.

For paid for coupons on City Bonds,	\$16,990 00	
Interest on temporary Loans,	3,862 13	
Credited Contingent account, undrawn,	147 87	
	<u>        </u>	21,000 00

## CR.

By appropriation,	\$21,000 00	
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## ABATEMENTS.

## DR.

For amount abated on taxes, 1868,	\$2,860 78	
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## CR.

By appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
By charged Contingent account,	360 78	
	<u>        </u>	2,860 78



## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

## DR.

To paid Lancey & Smith, bill of 1867,	\$25 00	
W. S. Kimball, Police Officer,	475 88	
Charles McLaughlin,	711 00	
N. S. Neal,	63 00	
F. Fly,	708 00	
F. Rankins,	265 50	
W. H. Case,	4 00	
Safford & Son,	3 21	
J. M. Plummer,	14 00	
G. H. Studley,	10 00	
P. S. Soule,	5 50	
J. W. Littlefield,	8 50	
Curtis Higgins,	4 00	
Jno. Albee,	2 00	
J. Maxwell,	3 00	
E. Howard,	4 00	
H. Lord,	2 00	
C. Cunningham,	4 00	
C. Nichols,	2 00	
A. Packard,	8 50	
J. R. Manchester,	30 55	
A. J. Walker,	6 50	
R. McKinney,	6 00	
Daniel Moore,	10 00	
George Cony,	10 00	
J. Dixon,	1 75	
A. I. Parker,	2 00	
A. Norcross,	6 00	
Parrott & Bradbury,	40 91	
A. H. Walker,	9 00	
J. D. Pierce & Son,	8 30	
M. G. Brooks,	16 00	
E. H. Saunders,	7 50	
L. M. Leland,	9 80	
G. H. Cross,	17 13	
B. Libby & Co.,	5 09	
W. K. Lancey,	12 00	
W. S. Kimball,	2 00	
E. Emerson,	10 00	
Lancey & Smith,	11 80	
To credited to Contingent account,	236 58	
		2,782 00
CR.		
By appropriation,	\$2,590 00	
By fines collected,	192 00	
		2,782 00

## DISCOUNTS.

DR.		
For amount discounted on taxes, 1868,	\$3,145 78	
For credited Contingent account, undrawn,	1,354 22	
	<hr/>	4,500 00
CR.		
By appropriation,		4,500 00

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## PRINTING.

DR.		
For amount of Bills paid,	\$388 10	
For credited Contingent account, undrawn,	61 90	
	<hr/>	450 00
CR.		
By appropriation,		450 00

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## CITY DEBT.

DR.		
For paid Free Bridge City bonds Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,	\$2,500 00	
CR.		
By appropriation,		2,500 00

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## VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DR.		
For amount drawn,	\$9,940 19	
For balance undrawn,	1,376 92	
	<hr/>	11,317 11
CR.		
By balance of appropriation of 1867,	\$741 72	
Amount " " " 1868,	2,998 80	
Village District Taxes, " "	6,062 51	
" " " Supplementary, 1868,	125 53	
Amount received of Directors,	1,388 55	
	<hr/>	11,317 11

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

	Cr.	Drawn.	Undrawn.	Overdrawn.
District No. 1,	\$253 33	\$242 39	\$10 94	
“ 2,	137 61	121 12	16 49	
“ 3,	153 21	156 02		2 81
“ 4,	120 77	120 77		
“ 7,	52 07	49 00	3 07	
“ 8,	218 45	201 35	17 10	
“ 10,	149 05	149 05		
“ 11,	143 18	123 50	19 68	
“ 12,	110 25	104 31	5 94	
“ 13,	133 46	130 00	3 46	
“ 14,	128 99	127 45	1 54	
“ 16,	91 73	76 25	15 48	
“ 17,	203 15	200 40	2 75	
“ 18,	110 28	109 35	93	
“ 19,	112 77	109 35	3 42	
“ 20,	463 15	433 63	29 52	
“ 21,	112 69	109 95	2 74	
“ 22,	148 04	147 95	09	
“ 23,	98 79	72 87	25 92	
“ 24,	92 27	90 80	1 47	
“ 25,	32 31		32 31	
“ 26,	408 29	391 16	17 13	
“ 27,	101 48	101 40	08	

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES IN 1868.

	Am't of tax.	Drawn.	Undrawn.	Overdrawn.
District No. 10,	\$136 49	\$127 75	\$8 74	
“ 11,	104 08	111 97		\$7 89
“ 16,	262 42	223 75	38 67	
“ 17,	514 81	233 88	280 93	
“ 19,	40 01	42 55		2 54
“ 20,	210 00	266 38		56 38
There is due District No. 20 for use of ward room,			.	4 50
“ “ 26 “ “			.	4 50
“ “ 1 “ “			.	4 50

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

## DR.

For amount paid bills of 1867 :

Gas Company,	\$296 97	
S. S. Brooks,	12 25	
J. E. Ward and wife,	300 00	
Gardiner Vose,	96 35	
J. Devine,	55 16	
M. M. Stone,	15 00	
J. Fisk,	5 00	
M. A. Chandler,	7 75	
G. B. Choate,	5 00	
A. H. Nichols,	1 25	
Wesley Church,	2 25	
A. Kincaid,	8 23	
Z. Hanks,	9 00	
E. V. Clark,	70 00	
		<u>884 21</u>

Bills of 1868-9 :

A. Kincaid, salary on Kennebec Bridge,	274 40
Granite Block, rent, 4 quarters,	350 00
J. E. Hamlen, ringing bell, &c.,	156 05
Gas Co., city lamps,	512 55
Insurance, Bridge and Almshouse,	401 00
Postage,	11 92
City Clock,	629 35
Parrott & Bradbury, for coal,	58 20
J. R. Manchester, repairing city lamps,	38 20
J. M. Plummer, for labor,	33 30
G. H. Cross, city lamps,	145 55
Edward Fenno, books for schools,	155 61
Beale & Farnham, for labor,	28 91
G. W. Pillsbury, “	57 00
A. L. Smith, list of voters,	23 00
Superintending School Committee, horse-hire, &c.,	167 00
P. O. Vickery, bill,	32 50
G. W. Jones, “	11 12
Baker Weston, ringing bell,	8 00
W. Berry & Son, printing,	6 00
Charles Kincaid, labor on Bridge,	54 00
E. E. Patterson, stationery,	2 20
Chick & Reed, printing,	5 00
B. Shaw, watering streets,	400 00
Pierce Bros.,	5 40
C. McLaughlin, bill,	1 25
J. M. Longfellow, injury to wagon,	18 00
B. Tripp, city pensions, and revising ordinances,	230 00

Amount carried over,

\$4,699 72

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT—CONTINUED.

## DR.

## Bills of 1868-9:

Amount brought over,	\$4,699 72
H. Choate, city pensions, and revising ordinances,	150 00
D. Knowlton, work in Treasurer's office,	50 00
N. Noyes, bill,	2 00
J. S. & F. E. Johnson, injury to store,	10 00
A. & W. Sprague, rent of ward room, &c.,	24 73
L. Humphrey, bill,	4 92
C. B. Ormsby, "	9 00
J. Upjohn, Sup. School Committee,	33 50
Pillsbury & Smith, printing ordinances,	250 30
Hartford & Smith, binding "	41 00
J. Sibley, bill,	1 50
A. H. Small, fencing cemetery,	99 83
Thomas Lambard, city lamps,	34 58
R. McKinney, bill,	6 50
B. F. Morse, bill on hearse,	9 42
Walter Bolton, land for cemetery, Bolton Hill,	125 00
A. Longfellow, bill,	2 50
Pierce Bros., stationery,	36 23
Beals, Greene & Co., bill,	2 63
Owen & Nash, printing,	20 75
G. W. Quinby, "	6 50
M. M. Swan, city clock,	25 00
S. S. Brooks, bill,	2 03
Moses Sargent, detective,	172 51
E. E. Patterson, books, &c.,	39 41
J. W. Bradbury, Jr., costs,	38 49
Al Staples, rent of ward room,	10 50
W. F. Smith, list of voters,	25 00
W. H. Libbey, costs,	6 86
Lancey & Smith, lumber for bridge,	164 11
B. Libby, bill,	1 16
J. F. Gannett, ward clerk,	4 50
J. W. Lawson, "	4 50
J. F. Pierce, stationery, &c.,	87 75
B. I. Farnham, bill,	4 50
Clapp & North, stationery,	57 25
A. W. Long, bill,	1 25
Homan & Badger, printing,	16 68
E. Howard, bill,	6 00
R. Crockett, "	1 50
Mrs. Dickman, deed of land,	15 00
Dr. Martin, Board of Health,	50 00
Amount of Contingent expended, (carried up,)	\$6,354 61

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT—CONTINUED.

## Dr.

Amount of Contingent expended, (brought up,)		\$6,354 61
Highways, overdrawn, .	\$272 68	
Snow Bills, “ .	267 27	
Fire Department, “ .	106 44	
Abatements, “ .	360 78	
City Officers, “ .	633 09	
	<hr/>	1,640 26
Balance undrawn, .		5,749 89
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		\$13,744 76

## Cr.

By balance, New Streets, appropriation undrawn,	\$778 00	
Poor, “ “	82 52	
Printing, “ “	61 90	
Int. on Loans, “ “	147 87	
Discounts, “ “	1,354 22	
Police, “ “	236 58	
	<hr/>	2,661 09
By appropriation,		6,000 00
Fractional overlay, 1868,		3,971 79
Supplementary tax, 1868,		645 76
By received for Circus licenses,		75 00
“ of Augusta House Association,		50 00
“ for lots sold in Riverside Cemetery,		60 00
“ for lots sold in Mount Pleasant Cemetery,		135 00
“ for unassessed taxes collected,		7 12
“ of G. W. Jones, rent of part of cemetery,		20 00
“ for proceeds of Hill Farm sold,		100 00
“ for rent of “		10 00
“ of E. W. Getchell, for grass,		5 00
“ for fines collected,		4 00
		<hr/>
		\$13,744 76

**AMOUNT APPROPRIATED AND EXPENDED IN THE DIFFERENT  
DEPARTMENTS, 1868-9.**

	Appropriated.	Expended.
Interest on Loans,	\$21,000 00	\$20,852 13
New Streets,	1,000 00	222 00
Discounts,	4,500 00	3,145 78
Abatements,	2,500 00	2,860 78
Printing,	450 00	388 10
Fire Department,	5,500 00	6,529 44
Highways,	7,500 00	7,861 48
Snow Bills,	1,000 00	1,267 27
City Loans,	2,500 00	2,500 00
City Officers,	3,500 00	4,133 09
Contingent,	6,000 00	6,354 61
Poor,	5,000 00	4,916 79
Police,	2,590 00	2,545 42
Fractional overlay,	3,971 79	
Supplementary Tax, 1868,	645 76	
		63,576 89 Am't expended.
		4,080 66 Unexpended.
	<hr/> 67,657 55	<hr/> 67,657 55

Same Departments the year previous.	Appropriated.	Expended.
	\$84,762 66	\$77,307 01

**LIABILITIES.**

Loans due and uncalled for,		\$9,555 55
In 1869,		\$42,327 80
1870,		1,650 00
1871,		7,600 00
1872,		250 00
1873,		300 00
5 per cent. bonds due in 1869;		<hr/> 52,127 80
do do 1870,		\$1,000 00
do do 1871,		3,000 00
do do 1872,		3,000 00
do do 1873,		3,000 00
do do 1874,		3,000 00
do do 1875,		3,000 00
do do 1876,		3,000 00
do do 1877,		3,000 00
do do 1878,		4,000 00
do do 1879,		2,400 00
do do 1880,		<del>2,000 00</del>

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 LIABILITIES—CONTINUED.

5 per cent. bonds due in 1881,	2,000 00
do do 1882,	2,000 00
do do 1883,	2,000 00
do do 1884,	2,000 00
do do 1885,	2,000 00
do do 1886,	4,000 00
do do 1887,	2,600 00
do do 1888,	500 00
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	50,500 00
City Improvement Bonds due 1887,	250,000 00
Due on Mutual Alliance Certificates,	942 00
Due balance State tax of 1868,	9,562 00
Due Thomas Little, Treasurer 1867,	730 06
Interest on Notes and Coupons overdue, uncalled for, about	3,000 00
D. S. McDavett, held in trust,	50 00
Due School Districts,	1,844 70
Other Towns on account of Poor, about	50 00
S. W. Lane, Superintending S. Committee,	187 00
Police bills, 1868,	101 50
School Districts, for use of ward rooms,	13 50
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	\$378,664 11

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 RESOURCES.

Uncollected City taxes, 1868,	\$16,594 00
“ School taxes, 1868,	1,796 76
“ City taxes, 1865-6-7,	1,819 94
“ School taxes, 1865-6-7,	183 46
Due from other towns on account of Poor, about,	225 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,013 06
Due from State on account of Sheridan's reception, about	800 00
Uncollected tax deeds of 1867 and prior,	55 75
Due from State on equalization of bounties, about	35,000 00
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	57,487 97
Balance against the City,	321,176 14
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	\$378,664 11



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 SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City Farm,	\$7,500 00
Personal property on same,	4,167 81
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,	1,200 00
Riverside Cemetery,	1,000 00
Atlantic and Pacific Engines,	2,000 00
Steamer Cushnoc and Hose Carriage,	5,000 00
Hose,	6,000 00
Engine House and Lot on Bridge St.,	1,500 00
Engine House for Steamer,	1,000 00
Atlantic Engine House, east side river,	1,000 00
Hooks, Ladders and Carriages,	50 00
Tools, &c., for Highways, Western District,	265 00
“ “ Eastern District,	225 00
One Iron Safe,	100 00
Furniture in City Council rooms,	250 00
Scales, &c.,	40 00
Land on Mt. Vernon Avenue,	10 00
Land between Carpenter lot and Winthrop St.,	3,000 00
Watch House, Market Square,	200 00
Kennebec Bridge,	30,000 00
Street Lamps,	500 00
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	\$65,007 81

I certify that I have audited the several accounts of the city officers for the past year, and find the same properly vouched and correctly cast, and vouchers are on file for all warrants drawn upon the Treasurer by the Mayor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. SAFFORD,

*Auditor.*

Augusta, March 26, 1869.

## REPORTS OF CITY TREASURERS.

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JOHN P. DEERING, *in account with* CITY OF AUGUSTA.

1868-9.

DR.

To amount received of Thomas Little, uncollected non-resident taxes of 1867,	\$425 65
Interest and costs on same,	29 25
Amount received of Thomas Little, for uncollected tax deeds of 1866 and prior,	25 19
Regular city taxes of 1868,	90,258 20
Supplemental city taxes of 1868,	645 76
Village District taxes of 1868,	6,062 51
Supplemental Village District taxes of 1868,	125 53
Tax assessed in School District No. 10,	136 49
"        "        "        11,	104 08
"        "        "        16,	262 42
"        "        "        17,	514 81
"        "        "        19,	40 01
"        "        "        20,	210 00
Received from Village District Directors on loan made by them,	1,300 00
For wood sold by them,	24 55
Tuition fees from Rev. George W. Quinby,	40 00
"        "        Mrs. Judd,	24 00
Received of City Marshal, for fines collected by him,	175 00
City Marshal, for fines for fast driving on Bridge,	17 00
From sale of old hose,	349 00
From N. Perkins, Street Com'r, for labor, &c.,	88 80
Overseers of Poor, for rec'd from towns and persons,	1,099 45
For fines collected,	4 00
For Circus Licenses,	75 00
From Augusta House Association,.	50 00
From E. W. Getchell, for grass,	5 00
From proceeds of Jere Hill farm,.	100 00
For rent of "        "	10 00
For unassessed taxes collected,	7 12
Of Thomas Little, former Treasurer,	300 00
5 per cent. Bonds, exchanged for M. A. certificates,	500 00
Amount cash for interest on taxes,	70 99
Of Geo. W. Jones, for rent of part of cemetery lot,	20 00
Amount carried over,	\$103,099 81

Amount brought over,	\$103,099 81
To received of Thos. Little, former Treasurer, Bonds held for	
E. Bartlett and Morton heirs,	3,000 00
Of Thos. Little, Bonds held for L. Williams,	2,100 00
From temporary loans,	80,262 00
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery lots, as follows :	
Lot No. 131, of Daniel Thompson,	10 00
"    129, of Abner Coombs,	10 00
"    208, of A. P. Gould,	10 00
"    209, of George H. Cross,	10 00
"    382, of Thomas Train,	10 00
"    4, of E. O. Rockwood,	10 00
"    438, of Sarah F. Small,	5 00
"    321, of E. J. Grindle, (exchange,)	5 00
"    482, of Baker Weston,	5 00
"    164, of J. W. Moore,	10 00
"    140, of Luther Swift,	10 00
"    304, of R. B. Turner,	10 00
"    322, of Daniel Norris,	10 00
"    80, of Mary G. Call,	10 00
"    324, of Aaron Leighton,	10 00
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	135 00
Riverside Cemetery lots, as follows :	
Lot No. 93, of C. O. Small,	10 00
"    62, of John Stevens, one-half,	5 00
"    91, of Hiram Wilson,	10 00
"    122, of Charles Pratt,	10 00
"    64, of N. Wentworth,	5 00
"    92, of A. H. Greeley, north half,	5 00
"    92, of David Young, south half,	5 00
"    131, of R. R. Lishness,	10 00
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	60 00
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	\$188,656 81

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CR.		
By paid Mayor's warrants for Village District,		\$9,750 43
Discount on \$1,300, loan made by Directors,		33 98
Mayor's warrants for School Districts,		4,314 49
"          "    Highways,		7,861 48
"          "    New Streets,		222 00
"          "    Snow Bills,		1,267 27
"          "    Poor,		4,916 79
Overseers' orders for Poor,		1,100 14
Mayor's warrants for City Officers,		4,131 99
"          "    Fire Department,		6,529 44
"          "    Police,		2,545 42
"          "    Printing,		388 10
"          "    City Debt,		2,500 00
"          "    Interest,		20,852 13
"          "    Discounts,		3,145 78
"          "    Abatements,		2,860 78
"          "    Contingent,		6,354 61
State tax of 1868, in part,		2,750 80
County tax, in full,		4,933 61
Bonds held for E. Bartlett and Morton heirs,		3,000 00
"          "    L. Williams,		2,100 00
Paid temporary loans, taken up,		77,138 00
Paid Mutual Alliance Certificates, taken up,		500 00
Uncollected tax deeds of 1867 and prior,		55 75
"          City taxes of 1868,		16,594 00
"          Village taxes of 1868,		1,228 00
"          School District taxes of 1868, No. 10,		51 36
"          "          "          "          "    11,		40 56
"          "          "          "          "    16,		130 14
"          "          "          "          "    17,		215 17
"          "          "          "          "    19,		21 47
"          "          "          "          "    20,		110 06
By cash in Treasury,		1,013 06
		<hr/> \$188,656 81

Errors excepted and this amount settled.

JOHN P. DEERING, *Treasurer and Collector.*

Augusta, March 23, 1869.



## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Augusta:*

We herewith submit our report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 15, 1869.

DR.			
Amount of Mayor's warrants,	.		\$4,916 79
Received of other cities, towns and individuals,		840 65	
"    For one yoke oxen sold,	.	260 00	
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CR.			
Paid Levant Waldron, Superintendent of City Farm			
toward support of poor at City Farm, with his			
Salary, \$365, included,	.		\$2,085 00
Paid James Keegan for one horse,	.	260 00	
Horace Pierce difference on yoke oxen exchanged,		167 50	
H. C. Downs for one cow,	.	75 00	
Insane Hospital for support of insane paupers,		709 56	
State Reform School,	.	101 00	
L. B. Lawton, former Sup't City Farm,		42 76	
Bills on account of other towns,	.	373 91	
Expense of poor out of Almshouse,	.	2,202 71	
		<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 3,932 44	
			6,017 44

There is due the City from other towns, about	225 00
"    To other towns, about	50 00

The City Farm teams have earned at work on the highway the past season, for which we have the bills approved by the Street Commissioner,	426 00
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Our thanks are due to Mr. L. Waldron, Superintendent, for the faithful performance of his duties, and the good care of the property, and to Mrs. Waldron for her ever watchful care of her department, and for the tender care she has shown to the inmates.

HARVEY CHISAM,	}	<i>Overseers of</i>
B. LIBBY,	}	<i>the Poor.</i>

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY FARM AND ALMS HOUSE.

*To Messrs. Overseers of the Poor :*

Net expense of the poor at the Alms House above the  
proceeds of the farm and my salary, \$1,720 00

## RECEIPTS.

Overseer's orders on City Treasurer,	\$2,085 00
For labor off of the Farm,	10 15
Hay,	134 49
Straw,	8 35
Apples,	281 13
Cider,	34 15
Butter,	93
Cheese,	21 58
Dressed hogs and pork,	126 80
Cow hides and calf skin,	15 32
1 Bull,	40 00
4 Calves,	34 00
2 Pigs,	9 00
Potatoes,	51 05
Parsnips and beets,	11 35
Tomatoes and onions,	11 45
Oats,	37 60
Peas,	1 50
Barley,	117 75
Seed corn,	11 87
Pasturing 2 cows,	24 00
Ashes, tallow and grease,	18 12
Wintering colt,	20 00
Use of dump cart,	5 00
H. S. Jones,	7 65
Old hay rake,	3 50
50 cords, 5 5-8 feet wood,	376 36

Whole amount of receipts,

3,498 10

**EXPENDITURES.**

By paid for groceries and provisions,	\$859 39	
Dry Goods and clothing,	212 90	
Boots and shoes,	49 51	
Wood and Coal,	501 16	
Blacksmith's bills,	65 49	
Tools and repairs,	41 03	
Lumber,	29 99	
Paint,	13 62	
Grain,	338 19	
Tobacco,	30 52	
Soap,	35 80	
Sundries,	33 19	
Medicine and Doctor's bills,	10 30	
1 Cow,	70 00	
4 Pigs, &c.,	26 00	
Manure,	44 09	
Grass seed,	21 92	
Labor in house,	35 00	
Labor on and off of the farm,	575 02	
Pasturage,	3 00	
1 Pump,	19 50	
Funeral expenses,	12 50	
Hardware, &c.,	102 49	
Superintendent's salary,	365 00	
By cash on hand,	2 40	
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		3,498 10
Whole number weeks board,	1,095	
Average number at Alms House,	21 3-52	
Present number,	33	
The City Farm Team has earned on highway,		
for which I have received nothing as yet,	\$426 00	
For hauling wood, for which I have received		
nothing as yet,	276 00	



*Amount of Produce Raised on the Farm.*

2,179 lbs.	pork, killed for house.
1,289 lbs.	Beef, do
525 lbs.	Cheese, made for house.
655 lbs.	Butter, do
60 lbs	Veal, for house,
290 bush.	Potatoes, for house.
120 "	Corn, do
150 "	Barley, do
27 "	Oats, do
12 "	Beans, do
6 "	Peas, do
20 "	Tomatoes, do
15 "	Cucumbers, do
15 "	Onions, do
30 "	Beets and Carrots, for house.
15 "	Turnips, for house.
450 "	Apples.
50 tons	Hay.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the valuable aid and assistance you have rendered me the past year, while superintending the affairs of the City Farm.

LEVANT WALDRON.

Augusta, March 15, 1869.

[The net expense of the Poor at the Alms House, above the proceeds of the Farm, was to the City but \$1,294.00, instead of \$1,720.00, as reported by the Superintendent, as he earned with the City Farm Team \$426.00 at work on the Highways the past year, and for which he has bills against the Highways, (western district,) approved by the Street Commissioner for that district, remaining unpaid.]

## REPORTS OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

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### WESTERN DISTRICT.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and*

*Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit my Report as Street Commissioner for the Western District, for the past municipal year :

Received of the City Treasurer upon Mayor's warrants in all,	\$4,008 86	
Cash received from individuals for labor &c.,	88 80	
		\$1,097 66

Expended the amount received on Mayor's warrants as follows :

For repairs of highways	3,276 03	
Snow bills,	732 83	
Cash paid into City Treasury,	88 80	
		4,097 66

The above amounts have been expended in the several Districts as follows :

	Summer repairs.	Snow bills.
Village District,	\$2,527 04	\$259 23
Western Avenue, Frank Rockwood, Agent,	118 75	88 20
Winthrop Road, Cyrus Guild, Agent,	36 00	17 85
Combs Mill Road, (south,) G. M. Pullen, Agent,	72 25	30 85
“ “ (north,) D. Withee, “	71 82	25 55
Mt. Vernon Avenue, Joseph S. Thompson, “	69 00	3 15
“ “ 2d district, S. Scribner, “	38 25	13 00
“ “ 3d “ Moses Morill, Agent,	49 50	15 75
Burns Road, H. Pinkham, Agent,	25 75	15 18
Belgrade Road, 2d district, Mark Lord, Agent,	48 90	43 65
“ “ 1st “ J. B. Pinkham, “	53 00	36 75
Middle Road, Wm. H. Haywood, Agent.	27 07	42 75
River Road, 1st district, Benj. Fisher, Agent,	47 70	50 10
“ 2d “ B. B. Crossman, Agent,	36 75	31 32
Woodward Road, Samuel Hutchins, Agent,	26 25	33 60
Ballard Road, 1st district, Cyrus Ballard, Agent,	27 25	18 25
“ 2d “ Alfred Ballard, “	75	7 65
	3,276 03	732 83

There is due from the Universalist Society, and St. Mark's

Church, bills in hands of City Solicitor for collection, about 44 14

Due for labor of City Farm team, 416 00

“ “ City team, 550 75

Inventory of tools belonging to Western District :

1 stone truck wagon, 1 plow, 3 gravel sieves, 1 stone roller, 3 ropes for stone roller, 1 axe, 1 hand saw, 1 nail hammer, 1 stone hammer, 6 drills, 1 wedges and shims, 1 bit and stock, 3 picks, 1 large snow shovel, 2 small shovels, 3 wheel barrows, 1 double sled, 5 snow plows, 5 dirt scrapers, 6 small road scrapers, 1 spirit level, 1 paving hammer, 77 tar barrels, 1 iron bar, 1 water pail and dipper,—whole value of tools, \$265.00

NATH'L PERKINS, *Street Commissioner.*

AUGUSTA, March 15, 1869.

### EASTERN DISTRICT.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and*

*Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit my report of moneys received and expended in the Eastern District :

Received per Mayor's warrants,		\$5,002 54
Expended in Summer repairs,	\$4,480 10	
“ Winter “	522 44	
		5,002 54

The following table will exhibit the amounts expended in the sub-districts.

	Summer repairs.	Winter repairs.
Village District	\$1,226 40	\$128 79
Thomaston road,	490 93	73 92
Hospital “	34 85	8 00
South Belfast road,	188 35	69 85
Windsor “	105 05	21 05
Bangor “	1,242 53	74 15
Mud Mills “	107 25	15 55
North Belfast “	825 58	46 78
Cross Hill “	61 00	33 05
Prescott “	46 41	19 50
Church Hill “	61 00	31 80
Hatch “ “	65 75	
Howes road,	25 00	
	<u>4,480 10</u>	<u>522 44</u>

Three granite arch bridges have been built the past year: one on Bangor street, at a cost of \$800; one on North Belfast road, at a cost of \$700; one on Thomaston road, which cost \$300—making the sum of \$1,800, which has drawn largely from the appropriation for Highways; but the demand for, and the durability of the structures, will fully recompense the city for their erection. And I would take this occasion to recommend that the city build no more temporary bridges; the time has come when we should see that our money be expended for substantial improvements which will last for all time.

Inventory of property on hand and turned over to my successor, viz:  
2 snow plows, 20 hand scrapers, 2 plows, 2 carrying scrapers, 1 drag, 1 chain, 1 stone hammer, 2 picks, 2 drills, 1 iron bar, flagging stone, all valued at \$225.00.

In closing, I would tender my thanks to the Mayor and Chairman of Committee on Highways, for timely advice and assistance tendered on various occasions.

ARTEMAS GLIDDEN,  
*Street Commissioner Eastern District.*

March 13th, 1869.

## CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

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*To the Mayor of the City of Augusta :*

I respectfully submit the following Report :

Upon entering on the duties of the Office of City Solicitor, I found on the Docket of the S. J. Court the following actions; viz. :

Ladd vs. Augusta.

Augusta vs. Pierce.

“ vs. Whitefield.

“ vs. Belgrade.

Savings Bank vs. Augusta.

Blossom & ex., vs. “

State vs. Augusta.

Augusta vs. Phillips.

Of the above actions, the following have been disposed of thus :

Ladd vs. Augusta. Neither party—no cost.

Augusta vs. Pierce. Tried—carried on Report.

Augusta vs. Belgrade. Settled—defendants paying \$300.

Augusta vs. Whitefield, Settled—defendants paying account.

Savings Bank vs. Augusta. Evidence got out and carried on Report.

State vs. Augusta. Nol pros—no cost to City.

Augusta vs. Phillips. Tried—verdict for plaintiffs, and paid.

Actions entered during the year and now on Docket :

Lake vs. Augusta.

Rockwood vs. Augusta.

Chapman vs. Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BRADBURY, JR.,

*City Solicitor.*

AUGUSTA, March 8, 1869.

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

## OF THE

# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council of Augusta :*

In conformity with the provisions of chapter XI, section 9, of the City Ordinances, I herewith submit to your honorable body my second annual Report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the city of Augusta, embracing the number of fires and alarms, with the losses and insurance ; a roll of the members of the department, the condition of the apparatus, reservoirs, &c., together with such suggestions relative to the wants of the department as would, in my opinion, if adopted by you, greatly increase its efficiency, and thus promote the safety of property.

### FIRES, ALARMS, &c.

There have been, during the year, twenty-three fires and alarms, as follows :

March 19, 1868. At 11 A. M., Mrs. Anne Keagan's house on Arsenal St., was discovered to be on fire in the roof. The Atlantics quietly took out their engine and extinguished the fire without giving a general alarm. Loss, \$25. No insurance. Fire caught from sparks from chimney.

March 31. Alarm at half-past 4 A. M., caused by fire being discovered in the house of James Carlin, on Howard street. Prompt action on the part of the firemen extinguished the fire with the use of but one hand engine. Loss, \$50. Insured. Fire caught from a defect in the chimney.

April 6. Alarm at quarter of 1 o'clock P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the roof of the house near the cotton factory, owned by the Messrs. Sprague, and occupied by W. H. Shaw. Fire extinguished by a hydrant before the arrival of the department. Loss \$25. No insurance.

April 7. Alarm at quarter past 8 o'clock P. M., caused by fire being discovered in a small stable on Cony street, owned by the Messrs. Sprague, and occupied by Henry Norcross. Department promptly on hand, and extinguished the fire, notwithstanding the heavy wind at the time. The small stable was consumed, and an adjoining stable, also owned by the Messrs. Sprague, slightly damaged. Messrs. Sprague's loss, \$150. No insurance. Mr. Norcross' loss, \$200. Cause of fire, supposed incendiary.

April 13. Alarm at 9 A. M., caused by fire being discovered in the roof of the Almshouse, which was promptly extinguished before the arrival of the department, with but trifling loss. Fire caught from the chimney.

April 14. Fire was discovered in the roof of the house owned and occupied by H. S. Taber, on Cony street, but was extinguished without a general alarm. Loss, \$25. Insured. Fire caught from the chimney.

April 15. Alarm at quarter of 8 A. M., caused by messenger from Hallowell for help. Steamer Cushnoc was immediately sent, but they got control of the fire before our arrival, and was therefore not brought into requisition.

April 18. Alarm at 4 P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the double tenement house on Grove St., owned by Ira Sturgis, and occupied by Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Fiske, and L. H. Curtis. The department responded very promptly, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire with the small loss on the house of \$550, which was covered by insurance.

Mrs. Fiske's loss on furniture, &c., \$400. Insured.

Mrs. Purdy's " " " " 130. "

Mr. Curtis' " " " " 200. No insurance.

April 27. Mr. J. W. Trask's house in Ward 4, two miles from the Post Office, was consumed by fire, including barn and outbuildings. The distance being so great the department was not called upon. Loss, \$1,500. Insured for \$600. Cause of fire, defect in chimney.

April 28. Alarm at half-past 5 P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the basement of house owned and occupied by Capt. E. F. Wyman, on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Fire soon extinguished by the hand engines. Loss, \$75—insured. Fire caught from a defect in the furnace.

June 17. Alarm at quarter of 7 A. M.,—fire discovered in a house on Cushnoc Heights, which was extinguished with a trifling loss before the arrival of the department.

June 20. Alarm at half-past 9 P. M., caused by the breaking of a

kerosene lamp in the store of J. D'Arthenay on Water street, thus setting fire to the oil, and threatening the destruction of the building; but by prompt action on the part of the occupants and neighbors, the fire was extinguished without using the engines, with a loss of but \$37—insured.

June 28. Alarm at 7 o'clock P. M., caused by smoke issuing from the basement of the Cotton Factory on Water street. The smoke was found to proceed from the friction of a wheel coming in contact with a shaft, but was discovered in season to prevent any damage.

July 9. Alarm at half-past 10 P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the stables at U. S. Arsenal. Our department promptly responded, and did efficient service.

August 1. Alarm at half-past 11 o'clock P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the barn owned by the heirs of the late Reuel Williams, on Cony Street. Notwithstanding the efforts of the firemen, the small barn in which the fire originated was consumed, and an adjoining barn partially destroyed, together with ten tons of hay and carriage owned by James F. Stevens, and a cow, &c., owned by Jos. H. Williams. The Williams' loss, \$1,000—insurance \$400. Mr. Stevens' loss \$265—no insurance. Cause of fire, supposed incendiary.

August 5. Alarm at half-past 1 A. M., caused by fire being discovered in the hospital and quarters of U. S. Arsenal. The department immediately responded, with satisfaction I trust to all concerned.

August 31. Alarm at 11½ P. M., caused by the discovery of fire in the Grant Club Room on Water Street, owned by B. H. Cushman. Fire extinguished without using the engines. Loss \$10—insured.

Sept. 3. Alarm at 11½ P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the rear part of E. S. Lane's barber shop on Water Street, which was promptly extinguished without using the engines, and with slight loss. Cause of fire, supposed incendiary.

Sept. 4. Alarm at 3 o'clock A. M.,—Lane's barber shop again on fire. It was *not* in consequence of the first fire not being thoroughly extinguished, but an entirely new fire in another place, without any connection. Fire promptly extinguished without using the engines. Loss, both fires, \$12—insured. Cause of fire, doubtless incendiary.

Sept. 9. Alarm at half-past 12 P. M., caused by a chimney burning out on Cushnoc Heights. Department not called into requisition—no loss sustained.

Sept. 9. False alarm at 8 o'clock P. M.



Nov. 4. Alarm at quarter of 1 A. M., caused by fire being discovered in the store owned and occupied by Lake Brothers on Cushnoc Heights. The department labored hard, but owing to the great distance and bad travelling, we arrived too late to save the building. Loss \$1,000—insured for \$800.

Jan. 25. Alarm at 9 o'clock P. M., caused by fire being discovered in the chamber of house owned and occupied by Mr. Eason on North Street. Fire extinguished without using the engines. Loss \$25—no insurance.

*Tabular Recapitulation of Losses by Fire, amount insured on the same and by whom the losses were sustained.*

Date.	Names of Losers.	Am't of Loss.	Insurance.
1868.			
March 19,	Mrs Anne Keagan,	\$25	
" 31,	James Carlin,	50	\$50
April 6,	Messrs. Sprague,	25	
" 7,	"	150	
" 7,	Henry Norcross,	200	
" 14,	H. S. Tabér,	25	25
" 18,	Ira Sturgis,	550	550
" 18,	Mrs. Fiske,	400	400
" 18,	Mrs. Purdy,	130	130
" 18,	L. H. Curtis,	200	
" 27,	J. W. Trask,	1,500	600
" 28,	Capt. E. F. Wyman,	75	75
June 30,	J. D'Arthenay, .	37	37
Aug. 1,	Williams Estate,	1,000	400
" 1,	J. F. Stevens,	265	
" 31,	B. H. Cushman,	10	10
Sept. 4,	E. S. Lane,	12	12
Nov. 4,	Lake Brothers,	1,500	800
1869.			
Jan. 25,	Mr. Eason,	25	
	Total,	\$6,179	3,089

As will be seen by the above table, the loss, over and above insurance, is \$3,090, being the smallest that the city has sustained for several years.

### ENGINE HOUSES.

In my last Report I pointed out the defect in our engine houses, and recommended the building of a new house, but their condition is but very little better than at that time, and there is the same demand *now* as there was *then* for a new house. To be sure the old one has been patched up so that it is a little more comfortable, but it is still totally unfit for the purpose for which it is used. I am led to believe that a suitable lot can be purchased for a new house, and it is to be hoped that the incoming City Council will do *something* in that direction, so that when firemen from other cities visit here, and our firemen are asked to show them over our department, they will not have to make excuses of engagements to fulfil elsewhere, in order to get rid of showing them our engine houses, being justly ashamed of their dilapidated condition. I do not say this out of any disregard for the present City Council, as they have done as much, at least, as any previous Council, for the department; but I do it to show that our engine houses are not in the condition that they should be, in the hope that something will be done to better them. It is not to be supposed that *everything* can be done in one year, but let us do *something* each year, until our department occupies the position which its importance demands.

### LEADING HOSE.

During the past year there has been purchased 1,500 feet of new hose, and a portion of the old hose has been disposed of. The new hose was purchased of Messrs. Boyd & Sons, 27 Merchants Row, Boston, for \$2.17 per foot, including the Jones' Patent Coupling, which cost \$12 per set. It was warranted to stand a water pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch, and was fully tested, some of it as high as 220 lbs. without bursting a single joint. It is the best hose that our department has ever had, and the Messrs. B. are justly entitled to great credit for the manner in which they filled this and last year's orders.

We now have 2,500 feet of new hose, (1000 feet purchased last year, and 1,500 feet this year,) and 1,000 feet of old hose. The old hose will answer a very good purpose for filling cisterns, but is not safe to rely on for fire duty. Now what is really wanted, is at least enough new hose to take the place of the old, or what would be still better, 1,500 feet, so that each hand engine would have 1,000 feet, and the steamer 2,000 feet. This would afford each engine a change of hose in case of fire; that is, if in such case each hand engine wets 500 feet of hose, and the steamer 1,000 feet, as is usually the case

where the steamer plays two streams, on returning to the engine houses they will have the same amount of dry hose to put on their reels (for instant service) while the wet hose is undergoing the drying process. But some may ask, 'Why did you not recommend the purchase of 4,000 feet of hose two years ago, if the department needed it—for if it needs it now it needed it then?' Simply for the reason that if I had asked for 4,000 feet *then*, I should have got *none*, most probably.

The fact of the matter is, that when I took charge of the department two years ago, I found that we had three engines (the two hand engines in bad repair) and about 2,000 feet of old hose, the larger part of which was worthless—and I, backed up and aided by the firemen generally, (and I will here add by the Committee on Fire Department both years, and especially by the Chairmen,) commenced to build up the department. The first year we succeeded in getting 1,000 feet of hose with the Jones' Patent Couplings, numerous repairs on engines and cisterns, and built one new cistern; the past year we got 1,500 feet of hose and the salaries of the firemen raised; and it is hoped that the department will be reinforced by the addition of 1,000 or 1,500 feet of hose the coming year, which will settle the hose question for a number of years to come, (unless by the growth of our city, additional engines are required,) and at the same time entirely do away with the old screw coupling, thus avoiding the complication that now exists in consequence of using two kinds of couplings.

I expect that some will differ with me as to my line of policy, but at the same time I will undertake to convince any candid mind that nothing should be spared to bring our department up to that standard of efficiency which all fire departments should attain. In proof of this, I will cite but one instance of many: One of our business firms located on Water St. succeeded in getting insured by one of our insurance agents in this city, but it coming to the knowledge of the company that the firm was located in a long line of wooden buildings, determined to cancel the policy; but before doing so, wrote here inquiring as to the efficiency of our department; on being answered that, in case fire got into that wooden row, we had the *means* and *will* soon to subdue it, no more was said about cancelling the policy. Had the answer been, we have little material, and smaller ability, it would have been otherwise. I merely cite this case to show how it affects our prosperity, for no man feels like engaging in business in a place where he cannot get insured, and that, too, at a reasonable percentage. It is a matter in which all should feel alike interested, and when any

recommendation is made tending to increase our efficiency for extinguishing fires, and to provide for all emergencies, I have faith to believe that our citizens generally will approve the act.

#### HOSE CARRIAGES.

The condition of the hose carriages is the same as at the time of making my last Report. I *then* recommended procuring an extra hose carriage capable of carrying at least 1,000 feet of hose, to be hauled by a horse, for the purpose of supplying any engine in time of fire that should not happen to have enough on their reel to reach the fire. We have felt the need of such a carriage the past year, and I now *renew* the recommendation to procure such a carriage.

#### FIRE ALARM.

While I think our city is not prepared to introduce a thorough system of Fire Alarms, similar to that used in larger cities, yet it seems to me that a gong or bell erected on the bridge, or some other convenient place, would be of great advantage in giving the alarm in case of fire, especially in the night, as the night watch could immediately strike the alarm, and not have to wait until he reaches some one of the churches on the hill to do so. An alarm thus struck would be heard by a large number of our citizens, and would cause the bells to be rung much sooner than by the present method, in addition to the alarm of itself. The cost of such an alarm would be but a trifle, comparatively, and I have good reason to believe that it would be of great benefit to the city.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

It has been the custom to include in the appropriation for the Fire Department only the actual running expenses of the same; and in case of cisterns being built or repaired, engine houses repaired, &c., the expense has been charged to the contingent fund. This plan has caused confusion, in some instances, as to what *should*, and what *should not*, be charged to the fire department. Would it not be better if each department of the City Government was distinct in itself? In making up the appropriations, the Finance Committee, after receiving satisfactory evidence of what the department needs, should determine what *should* and what *should not* be done the coming year, and make appropriations to cover the same. This will not enlarge the aggregate of appropriations, but simply make the fire department appropriation *larger*, (instead of charging its expenses in two different appropriations,) and the contingent appropriation *smaller*.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TEAM, &c.

The team connected with the Cushnoc company has earned, outside of fire duty and labor connected with the department, about \$550. More work could have been done had it been assigned the team to do. Mr. William Springer, who has so ably managed the team, has always been ready to do all the work entrusted to his care.

To Mr. Frank Moorlen, Engineer of the Steamer Cushnoc, we are all under great obligations, for the perfect repair in which he has kept the steamer, as well as the hand engines. Some get the impression that the amount which appears in the City Treasurer's Report as paid to him, is all for fire duty and care of the steamer, whereas a large proportion of it is for repairs, and material for doing the same, mending hose, &c. Mr. Moorlen is a very valuable aid to the department, and all should give him that credit which he deserves.

### RESERVOIRS.

We have built no reservoirs the past year. I have good reason to believe that the County Commissioners will assume half the expense of building a reservoir on State St., near the Court House. A large reservoir is needed in that locality, and I invite your early attention to the subject, as well as to the necessity of building at least one or two more in other localities the coming year.

### FINANCIAL.

The appropriation of \$5,500 has proved sufficient for all expense incurred the past year. For a detailed statement of the same, I respectfully refer you to the City Treasurer's Report.

### POLITICAL.

Two or three individuals, a year ago, labored hard to get politics introduced into the fire department, but the party in power wisely concluded to squelch it in its infancy—had it been otherwise, our department would have received a blow from which it would have taken years to recover. Whenever you hear a man objecting to any person entering the fire department (in any capacity) from purely political motives, you can safely set that man down, if not an enemy, at least one who cares naught for the prosperity of the department.

Let every good citizen, (without regard to party,) whether holding office or not, trample under foot every attempt of this kind, come from whatever source it may, if they wish to have a fire department worthy the name.

## ROLL OF ATLANTIC ENGINE COMPANY, No. 3.

J. B. Woodman, Foreman,	A. McDavid,
W. B. Leighton, Ass't Foreman,	A. P. Soule,
S. B. Young, Foreman of Hose,	L. Mason,
W. L. Clark, Ass't Foreman Hose,	Charles Cony,
S. P. Plummer, Clerk,	H. A. Taber,
Fred Reynolds,	James S. Little,
A. B. Stone,	C. K. Emerson,
W. E. Potter,	R. Turner,
J. E. Ward,	R. Crockett,
Isaac Bennett,	William Wing, Jr.,
H. B. Cony,	Charles Trotter,
Jacob Hanks, Jr.,	Charles Brookings,
George Hawes,	George Burgess,
Frank Hanks,	W. H. Burgess,
C. H. Safford,	William Trotter.

NOTE.—This Company has run 30 men during the year, which expires on the first Monday in April.

## ROLL OF PACIFIC ENGINE COMPANY, No. 4.

N. W. Cole, Foreman.	Frank W. Kinsman,
Charles Knowlton, Ass't Foreman,	Warren Harlow,
Fred Morton, Foreman of Hose,	D. Clifford,
G. G. Burns, Ass't Foreman Hose,	D. Mackintosh,
Edward H. Ballard, Clerk,	Frank Knowlton,
William H. Anthony,	Edward Soule, †
Edgar Atkins,	J. W. Neal,
William Jackson,	Howard Owen,
Fred Smith,	R. W. Holt,
Fred C. Rogers,	Baker Weston,
George W. Pillsbury,	Andrew Gear,
George Hunt,	C. A. Stinchfield,
William A. Swan,	Henry Lombard,
Charles Delano,	Frank McKenney,
George Littlefield,	Charles Diplock.

NOTE.—This Company has also run 30 men during the year, which expires on the first Monday of May.

## ROLL OF STEAMER CUSHNOC COMPANY, No. 5.

H. T. Morse, Foreman,	J. H. Taylor,
W. W. Robbins, Ass't Foreman,	J. F. Arnold,
Frank Moorlen, Engineer,	F. B. Sears,
William Springer, Driver,	C. H. Tibbetts,
J. W. Trussell, Clerk,	C. Churchill,
J. G. Shaw,	C. F. Knights,
J. H. Dolliver,	G. A. Alden,
G. C. Flagg,	Oren Foss.
J. W. Robbins,	

NOTE.—This Company has run 15 men, besides an engineer and driver. Their year expires the first Monday of May.

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### HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGES.

Our hook and ladder apparatus is not of the most modern pattern, but as the department needs so much more of greater importance, and as it cannot be expected that we can perfect everything in one year, I think it advisable to continue the present system, as it is the least expensive, at least another year.

### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the firemen will please accept my thanks for the uniformly able and willing manner in which they have discharged their duties, for without harmony and a general desire to labor for the good of the department, all our efforts would be in vain.

To his Honor the Mayor, I wish to express my gratitude for the consideration with which he has treated all propositions tending to improve the department, as also to the City Council for their readiness to grant any favors asked. I wish to thank the Committee on Fire Department for their hearty co-operation, and especially Mr. Choate, the Chairman, for the interest he has taken in our welfare.

Our citizens generally will please accept my thanks, for the increased interest which they appear to manifest in the department, hoping that they will lend a helping hand in making it the just pride of our city, and worthy the admiration of all.

Which is respectfully submitted.

P. O. VICKERY, *Chief Engineer.*

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1869.

## REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

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AUGUSTA, March 13, 1869.

*To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my annual report as City Marshal. There have been, by my force, prosecutions for the following offences :

Drunkenness,	115	Assault and battery,	42
Larceny,	27	Vagrancy,	11
Search warrants,	8	Malicious mischief,	6
Sabbath breaking,	4	Selling intoxicating liquors,	7
Malicious trespass,	3	Threatening life or property,	4
False pretence,	2	Search and seizure,	2
House of ill-fame,	1	Night walking,	2
Discharging fire-arms;	2	Rescuing prisoners,	2
Breaking and entering,	2	Lascivious cohabitation,	5
Abduction,	1	Nuisance,	2

With the following result:—Convicted, 205 ; discharged, 32 ; bound over, 13.

There have been \$17.00 collected of persons for trotting horses on Kennebec Bridge, and paid over to the City Treasurer. Fees received and paid to the City Treasurer, \$175.00.

By strict attendance to my duty I unfortunately became lame and was confined to the house some three months, and in that time the Police was not managed as prudently as I wish it might have been.

At the request of the citizens on the east side of the river, I put a night-watch on there, which has increased the expense somewhat from last year.

It has been my desire to manage the Police to the satisfaction of all concerned.

J. M. PLUMMER, *City Marshal.*



## MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council :*

In the administration of the municipal affairs of our city, entrusted to us by our fellow-citizens, we cannot claim to exercise an inherent power, but simply to execute a delegated authority, created, regulated and limited by law.

Within the scope of this authority it is incumbent upon the City Council, so far as practicable, to provide for the material interests, safety and happiness, of all our citizens by a faithful discharge of the duties thereof, and by the selection of subordinate officers of ability, integrity and discretion. We can only hope to secure or deserve the confidence and support of our intelligent citizens, by a disregard on our part of private, selfish and personal interests,—respect for the equal rights of others, and a sincere desire for the best good of all.

By the report of the City Auditor for 1868, the apparent total debt of the city was \$393,458.21. This included interest (on loans due during the year,) \$22,000, and the city's proportion of mortgage on the Augusta House, \$9,600. The Augusta House and the interest of the city therein having since passed into other hands, and all liability of the city for any portion of the amount due on the mortgage thereon, having been extinguished—these items amounting to \$31,600, being deducted—would leave the actual total amount of the debt, at the close of the municipal year ending March 14, 1868, \$361,858.21. The amount of this debt, according to the best data I have been able to obtain, has not probably been increased or diminished during the past year, and the present indebtedness of the city will not probably exceed \$365,000.

The claim of the city against the State for reimbursement under the act of March 7, 1868, providing for the equalization of municipal war debts for men furnished for the military service of the United States of about \$80,000, has been duly presented by the late Mayor, and I learn from General Hodsdon, to whom the prosecution of this claim has been entrusted, that about \$35,000 will ultimately be real-

ized therefrom, and that a final settlement will probably be made during the current year.

While the indebtedness of the city is comparatively large ; having been recently largely increased by the very liberal contribution for the development and improvement of the water power within our limits,—it is confidently believed that the future growth and prosperity of our city has been thereby secured. The contemplated improvements on this power are understood to be in as rapid a stage of execution as the permanent good of all interested would require. In view of the present state of our finances, I can only urge the duty and necessity of a rigid system of economy in every department. Having carefully made the requisite appropriations, we should with equal care, if possible, keep all expenditures within the limits thus assigned. In my judgment, public necessity rather than private convenience, should control our actions, as a general rule, in all expenditures of the public money.

Although the city is by law obliged to raise and expend annually not less than one dollar for each inhabitant for the support of schools therein, the City Council have directly no control thereof, the supervision of the schools in the Village District being vested in a board of directors, with the same powers of school agents and superintending school committee, to whom the management of the schools in the other districts in the city is confided. Important aid, however, can be rendered these officers by the proper enforcement of the ordinance relating to truant children. To allow these children, who are as frequently the victims of evil influences over which they have little or no control as of their own misconduct, to haunt our streets and grow up in ignorance, unprotected and unprovided for, would not only be a direct infringement of the dictates of benevolence, but a neglect of a manifest duty.

According to the census of 1868, the number of scholars in the Village District was 1224, and in the other twenty-three districts in the city, 1220. While the scholars are thus nearly equally divided, their comparative advantages are very unequal. Although the superior advantages of the system of graded schools in the Village District can not now be extended to all other portions of the city without subjecting the tax-payers to a burden which they would be unwilling to bear, it is believed that this system could be advantageously established by some of the larger districts, or by two or more districts uniting for this purpose under the special act of 1833, or the subsequent general law of the State. This authority however being vested

solely in school districts, I can only urge the necessity of such a division of our school districts, or annexations thereto, authorized on the written recommendation of municipal officers and superintending school committee, as shall, so far as practicable, remedy the gross injustice, by which "the money appropriated to different districts ranges from \$4.90 to \$460.60, and the amount of instruction given is nearly in the same ratio."

The nature and extent of our highways renders the necessary expenditures for repairs thereof, large. Whether any, and if any, what system can be adopted by which the money needed to keep our highways, streets and sidewalks in a state of thorough repair, can be more judiciously expended, is a question demanding your serious consideration.

By an act of the Legislature approved February 14, 1868, the provision of the act of 1867, authorizing and requiring the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen, to appoint a commissioner to take charge of the Kennebec Bridge, was repealed. Although this bridge and the approaches thereto are to remain forever a highway, it is not included within the limits of the district assigned to either of the street commissioners. I therefore recommend that immediate provision be made for the care and protection of this valuable structure, and that the requisite power therefor be vested in some special department under such restrictions as you shall deem necessary.

Recognizing to its fullest extent the right of private judgment as to the duty and expediency of prohibiting or licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors, the constitutional *right* of the Legislature to regulate or prohibit altogether such sale having been repeatedly affirmed by the highest judicial tribunals, cannot now be considered an open question. This principle of prohibition established by act of Congress in 1834 and reaffirmed in 1847, was, it is believed, first adopted by our Legislature as a matter of State policy; and I think we may safely assume that our State will be one of the last to abandon it. Regardless, however, of anticipated legislation for the suppression of intemperance and kindred evils, the duty, specially enjoined by statute,—of the municipal officers and constables of towns and cities to promptly enforce existing laws against drinking houses, gambling rooms and houses of ill-fame, is imperative.

Our position as the capital of the State, annually increasing in wealth and population, and the varied interests of our city, industrial, educational and financial, evidently require on the part of the City Government, that vigilant oversight well considered, and not unfre-

quently, prompt and decisive action which business men or private corporations consider indispensable for the successful management of their affairs. These considerations suggest the necessity, and I can not too strongly urge, the duty, of a prompt attendance at all regular or special meetings of each branch of the City Council. The want of a quorum in either branch for the transaction of important business has heretofore undoubtedly too often delayed necessary action and proved detrimental to public and private interests alike.

The full, clear, and comprehensive report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, will furnish all necessary information as to the present condition and future wants of that important branch of service. His suggestions are commended to your early and favorable consideration.

The reports of the several other departments referred to you by the last City Council which I have had no opportunity to examine, will undoubtedly give you full information relative to the detailed operations of each during the past year.

I avail myself of this opportunity to tender my thanks to the late Mayor for his courtesy and kindness, for his valuable suggestions, and for his continued interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our city.

Accepting the office conferred upon me by my fellow citizens, under a due sense of obligation to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for all temporal blessings, and humbly seeking his aid, protection, and guidance, I shall esteem it a privilege if I shall be permitted by an earnest purpose and faithful endeavor so to discharge its duties as to meet their reasonable expectations.

SAMUEL TITCOMB.

# CITY GOVERNMENT.

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1869-70.

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MAYOR,  
SAMUEL TITCOMB.

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CITY CLERK,  
JOSEPH NOBLE.

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## ALDERMEN.

WARD 1.—Moses M. Swan.	WARD 4.—A. H. Merchant.
“ 2.—Joseph Baker.	“ 5.—Sumner Barton.
“ 3.—Edward F. Wyman.	“ 6.—George W. Quinby.
WARD 7.—John O. Curtis.	

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## COMMON COUNCIL.

GEORGE E. WEEKS, PRESIDENT.

LEVI PAGE, CLERK.

## MEMBERS.

WARD 1.—Elisha Atkins, George E. Weeks, George W. Snow.	WARD 4.—Elijah W. Stewart, George W. Perry, George G. Stevens.
WARD 2.—Russell Eaton, Joseph Anthony, Nathaniel W. Cole.	WARD 5.—A. B. Hodgkins, Lorenzo Parsons, Benjamin F. Libby.
WARD 3.—Joseph Farnham, Daniel G. Baker, A. F. Emery.	WARD 6.—Greenleaf Barrows, Richard Crockett, F. O. Ward.
WARD 7.—J. H. Dudley, R. B. Worthley, W. W. Butler.	

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MUNICIPAL JUDGE,  
HILTON W. TRUE.

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*Treasurer and Collector.*—Thomas Little.

*City Marshal.*—Frank L. Farrington.

*City Solicitor.*—William P. Whitehouse.

*City Auditor.*—Samuel W. Lane.

*City Physician.*—W. Scott Hill.

*Assessors.*—Joseph W. Patterson, John Arnold, Joshua S. Turner.

*Overseers of the Poor.*—Stephen P. Plummer, Henry Craig, Thos. Fuller.

*Fire Department, Chief Engineer of*—P. O. Vickery.

1st Ass't do. Daniel Herrin.

2d Ass't do. Hiram Ellis.

*Health Committee.*—J. W. Toward, W. S. Hill, Frank L. Farrington.

*Fish Committee.*—Charles G. Atkins, Harvey Cushing, George W. Quinby.

*Fence Viewers.*—Eben Packard, William Robbins, Albert Bolton, Jeremiah Bean, John H. Hussey, Stephen Folsom, George Dudley, James N. Wade, Asa Townsend, Milton E. Libbey, O. C. Whitehouse.

*Hoops and Staves, Viewers, Cullers and Surveyors of*—Freeman Barker, Ezra Emery, Reuben Smith.

*Persons to make Complaint against Truant Children.*—C. W. Stone, John Parsons, John Hussey, Thomas Wadsworth, S. S. Brooks.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*—H. A. DeWitt, C. B. Johnson, J. P. Wyman, J. M. Longfellow, J. C. Webber, Charles Kincaid, Reuben McKinney, R. B. Worthly, John E. Chase, Abner Coombs, James Atkins, Jacob Hanks, J. W. Lawson, George Cowee, S. S. Holmes, S. B. Hodgkins, Gilmore C. Bartlett, Thomas M. Baker, D. W. Mosher, Daniel Waldron, James Folsom, Ira H. Randall.

*Surveyors of Wood and Bark.*—Thomas Wadsworth, G. W. Bonney, Reuben McKinney, Osgood Carleton, Thomas Fuller, P. S. Percival, Hiram Sawtelle, C. B. Johnson, Ambrose H. Small, Benjamin Gardiner, Lucius Hill, S. B. Hodgkins, John Jewett, Lewis Selbin, Daniel Moore, J. M. Webster, M. P. Faught, S. S. Holmes, Abner Coombs, R. B. Worthly, Thomas M. Baker, Ezekiel Ware, John E. Chase, J. W. Phinney, Benjamin Gaslin, John B. Dyer.

*Tythingmen.*—C. H. Hamlen, S. S. Brooks, George B. Hoyt, J. W. Patterson, C. S. Hussey, William M. Folsom, F. H. Tibbetts.

*Street Engineer.*—Natt Abbott.

*Sealers of Leather.*—A. D. Locke, Erastus Haskell, John Lawrence, James Flagg, James E. Webber, Stephen Deering, J. W. Cross, A. J. Reynolds.

*Police.*—Benjamin Gardiner, E. W. Getchell, John E. Ward, John N. Denning, W. H. Smith, H. A. Case, J. H. Butler, D. C. Stone, Charles L. White, Charles C. Stone, James D. Brooks, John C. Garland, Simeon Turner, Alexander McCausland.

*Street Commissioner, Western District.*—Loten Griffeth.

“ “ *Eastern District.*—John E. Ward.

*Superintendent of Burying Grounds.*—Eben Sawyer.

*Superintending School Committee.*—Samuel W. Lane, Samuel Upjohn, C. F. Penney.

*Pound Keeper.*—

*Superintendent of Alms House.*—

## WARD OFFICERS.

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- Ward 1. Lewis Tibbets, Warden.  
Charles Lothrop, Clerk.  
Henry A. Case, Constable.
- Ward 2. Eben Sawyer, Warden.  
Lewis Selben, Clerk.  
George W. Jones, Constable.
- Ward 3. Charles C. Stone, Warden.  
Oliver J. Jordan, Clerk.  
Charles L. Brann, Constable.
- Ward 4. George M. Bean, Warden.  
B. S. Farnham, Clerk.  
Henry O. Nichols, Constable.
- Ward 5. W. B. Leighton, Warden.  
Samuel Parsons, Clerk.  
William L. Clark, Constable.
- Ward 6. S. L. Reynolds, Warden.  
Samuel Gill, Clerk.  
Jacob Hanks, Jr., Constable.
- Ward 7. J. E. Chase, Warden.  
T. B. Worthley, Clerk.  
Levi Hicks, Constable.



# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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## ON ACCOUNTS.

Messrs. Swan, Quinby,	} Aldermen.
Messrs. Eaton, Perry, Farnham,	} Councilmen.

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## ON HIGHWAYS.

Messrs. Barton, Merchant,	} Aldermen.
Messrs. Farnham, Worthy, Eaton,	} Councilmen.

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## ON NEW STREETS.

Messrs. Curtis, Wyman,	} Aldermen.
Messrs. Baker, Hodgkins, Barrows,	} Councilmen.

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## ON BELLS AND CLOCKS.

Messrs. Swan, Curtis,	} Aldermen.
Messrs. Cole, Stevens, Hodgkins,	} Councilmen.

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ON BURYING GROUNDS.

Messrs. Merchant,	}	Aldermen.
Quinby,		
Messrs. Anthony,	}	Councilmen,
Emery,		
Butler,		

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## ON FINANCE.

Messrs. Baker,	}	Aldermen.
Quinby,		
Messrs. Atkins,	}	Councilmen.
Parsons,		
Baker,		

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## ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Wyman,	}	Aldermen.
Swan,		
Messrs. Cole,	}	Councilmen.
Crockett,		
Dudley,		

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## ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Messrs. Quinby,	}	Aldermen.
Baker,		
Messrs. Worthly,	}	Councilmen.
Stewart,		
Atkins,		

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## ON PRINTING.

Messrs. Wyman,	}	Aldermen.
Barton,		
Messrs. Parsons,	}	Councilmen.
Butler,		
Anthony,		

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ON ENROLLED ORDINANCES.

Messrs. Quinby,	}	Aldermen.
Barton,		
Messrs. Parsons,	}	Councilmen.
Farnham,		
Atkins,		

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ON CITY BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

Messrs. Merchant,	}	Aldermen.
Barton,		
Messrs. Snow,	}	Councilmen.
Libby,		
Ward,		

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ON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Baker,	}	Aldermen.
Curtis,		
Messrs. Hodgkins,	}	Councilmen.
Eaton.		
Stevens.		

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**Standing Committee of Board of Aldermen.**

## ON STATE PENSIONS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

CITY OF AUGUSTA,

FOR THE

Year ending March 13th, 1869.



AUGUSTA:

~~PRINTED BY~~ ~~WILL~~ MAINE STANDARD OFFICE.

1869.



# REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and  
Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit their annual Report for the year ending March 13, 1869.

Amount appropriated by the city for the support of schools	\$6,000 00
“ received from the State,	195 46
Additional amount raised by the Village District,	6,000 00
Amount to be expended in the Schools under the supervision of the Superintending School Committee,	3,196 66
Amount to a scholar,	2 62

Of the six thousand dollars appropriated by the City for the support of schools, two hundred and seven dollars and sixty-six cents, (\$207.66,) nearly three and one-half per cent., were divided among the smaller districts, the remainder was divided per capita.

The following table exhibits the manner in which the money was apportioned :

Districts.	Names of Agents.	No. of Scholars.	Extra to smaller districts.	Per capita division; \$2.45 to a scholar.	Total.
Village,		1224		\$2,998 80	\$2,998 80
No. 1,	Paul P. Hall,	99		242 55	242 55
“ 2,	Charles W. Hilton,	55		134 75	134 75
“ 3,	E. A. Dutton,	50		122 50	122 50
“ 4,	Wm. A. Blackman,	40	\$10 00	98 00	108 00
“ 7,	Elisha Barrows,	13	20 00	31 85	51 85
“ 8,	Wm. C. Haywood,	59		144 55	144 55
“ 10,	Jared W. Trask,	59		144 55	144 55
“ 11,	Danforth Foster,	35	20 00	85 75	105 75
“ 12,	Cyrus Guild,	45		110 25	110 25
“ 13,	Albert Randall,	22	20 00	53 90	73 90
“ 14,	O. A. Chase,	48	10 00	117 60	127 60
“ 16,	J. T. Merrill,	29	20 00	71 05	91 05
“ 17,	Simon Longfellow,	66		161 70	161 70
“ 18,	Francis O. Yeaton,	45		110 25	110 25
“ 19,	Eben Wellman,	32	30 00	78 41	108 41
“ 20,	John M. Pond,	188		460 60	460 60
“ 21,	Daniel Weston,	33	20 00	80 85	100 85
“ 22,	Moses Morrill,	50		122 50	122 50
“ 23,	Peter Pray,	28	22 66	68 39	91 05
“ 24,	R. H. Casey,	29	20 00	71 05	91 05
“ 25,		2		4 90	4 90
“ 26,	W. W. Smith,	162		396 90	396 90
“ 27,	<del>Harold Dutton</del>	31	15 00	75 95	90 95
Total,		2444	\$207 66	\$5,987 80	\$6,195 46

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Extract from the Public Laws of the year 1868 :

“CHAPTER 196.

SECTION 1. Every city, town and plantation, shall raise and expend, annually, for the support of schools therein, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any corporate school fund, or of any forfeiture accruing to the use of schools, not less than *one dollar* for each inhabitant, according to the census of the State, by which representatives to the legislature were last apportioned.”

According to the last census of the State, the number of inhabitants of this City was seven thousand six hundred and nine ; it will therefore be seen that the sum appropriated for the support of our Public Schools is sixteen hundred and nine dollars less than the amount required by law.

The Mayor, in his address to the City Council at the commencement of the municipal year, used the following language :

“With regard to appropriations for the current year, there are some in relation to which we have no discretion. They are imperative upon us, and it only remains that we make provision for their payment. I now refer to the interest on our debt, our apportionment of the State and county taxes, and the *required amount for our common schools.*”

We are bound to assume that it was a want of proper information on the part of the City Council which led to this violation of the law. Although in view of the language of the Honorable Mayor, and the fact that the attention of several members of the City Council was called to the law by the Superintending School Committee, we perhaps should be justified in charging them with a lack of proper interest in our educational affairs.

The appropriation required by law for the support of schools the ensuing year is seven thousand six hundred and nine dollars, (7,609.00.)

The following account exhibits the expenditures of the several districts the past year, with the balances to their credit, according to the books of the City Treasurer :

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No	Cr.	Dr.	Undrawn.	Overdrawn.
1,	\$253 33	\$242 39	\$10 94	
2,	137 61	121 12	16 49	
3,	153 21	156 02		\$2 81
4,	120 77	120 77		
7,	52 07	49 00	3 07	
8,	218 45	201 35	17 10	
10,	149 05	149 05		
11,	143 18	123 50	19 68	
12,	110 25	104 31	5 94	
13,	133 46	130 00	3 46	
14,	128 99	127 45	1 54	
16,	91 71	76 25	15 48	
17,	203 15	200 40	2 75	
18,	110 28	109 35	93	
19,	112 77	109 35	3 42	
20,	463 15	433 63	29 52	
21,	112 69	109 95	2 74	
22,	148 04	147 95	09	
23,	98 79	72 87	25 92	
24,	92 27	90 80	1 47	
25,	32 31		32 31	
26,	408 29	391 16	17 13	
27,	101 48	101 40	08	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	3,575 32	3,368 07	210 06	2 81
Village Dist.,	11,317 11	9,940 19	1,376 92	
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	14,892 43	13,308 26	1,586 98	2 81

## CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

A fair degree of success has attended our schools during the past year. Of the summer schools we have only one decided failure to report, that of Miss Pettengill in District No. 27, and her failure should be attributed more to our district system, which gives to school agents the employment of the teachers, than to any particular demerit on her part. Her father was agent, and he unwisely placed his daughter, young and inexperienced, in the school as teacher. The Committee finding her qualified so far as her education was concerned, could not object, for only by trial could they become informed as to her capacity for government. She failed to discipline the school. We believe with the co-operation of the parents she might have been successful; certainly in many other schools she would have done well, but she met with the opposition of nearly every parent in the district, unjustly we think, for none of them visited the school and could know nothing of its merits and as little of its demerits, except what was learned from scholars always ready to find fault when fault-finding meets with approval at home.



We visited the school several times and found that order was an unknown element in it. We advised the agent and father to close the school, but he did not deem it expedient to do so, and after due notice we considered it our duty to give the teacher a certificate of dismissal from the school.

With this exception our summer schools were very successful; no complaints reached us from any other source, good discipline prevailed and the examinations at the close of the terms showed that the teachers had labored faithfully, and that the pupils had made manifest improvement.

The following tables give the names of the teachers of the several schools, the time of commencement and close of the same, with the number of scholars registered and the average attendance.

#### SUMMER TERMS—1868.

Districts.	Names of Teachers.	School commenced.	School closed.	Length of school in days.	No. of scholars registered.	Average.	Wages per week, excluding board.	Price of board per week.
No. 1,	Miss Adelia N. H. Gardner,	May 18,	Sept. 11,	75	42	24	\$3 50	\$2 75
" 2,	" Emogene White, .	June 1,	July 31,	49	36	30	3 00	1 90
" 3,	" Martha J. Clark, .	May 18,	" 24,	55	34	30	-	2 25
" 4,	" Emeline L. Webster,	June 1,	" 21,	38.5	18	14	2 50	2 75
" 7,	" Annie E. Clark, .	May 4,	June 26,	44	12	10	2 00	2 00
" 8,	" Emma F. Roberts,	" 25,	July 17,	43	30	24	3 25	2 20
" 10,	" Emma Webber,	June 8,	" 24,	35	21	17	2 75	2 50
" 11,	" Anne M. Webber,	Mar. 23,	May 2,	33	22	18	3 00	1 50
" 12,	" Mattie J. Fletcher,	May 11,	July 3,	44	18	11	1 75	1 50
" 13,	" Clara J. Dunn, .	June 15,	Aug. 7,	49.5	19	14	3 50	1 50
" 14,	" Eliza Linn, .	May 11,	July 3,	44	8	7	1 75	*
" 14,	" Abbie Willey,	" 11,	" 3,	44	22	18	2 00	2 25
" 16,	" Annie Gray, .	June 15,	" 31,	37	12	10	2 50	1 75
" 17,	" Mattie C. Bryant, .	" 3,	Sept. 4,	63	35	32	5 00	2 00
" 18,	" Henrietta A. Yeaton,	" 1,	July 24,	44	20	12	3 00	2 00
" 19,	" Annie N. Barker,	" 8,	" 25,	38.5	15	12	2 25	2 50
" 20, B	" Matilda Taylor,	May 18,	Aug. 15,	55	45	34	5 00	3 00
" 20, A	" Lottie M. Folsom,	" 11,	" 11,	55	28	18	† 8 00	3 00
" 21,	" Carrie A. Weston,	June 8	July 24,	38	7	6	2 50	2 50
" 22,	" Augusta C. Woodward,	" 1,	Aug. 8,	55	19	17	3 50	2 00
" 23,	" Nellie F. Smith,	" 8,	July 17,	33	20	11	2 50	*
" 24,	" Lizzie M. Lamson,	May 4,	June 26,	44	14	9	2 00	1 90
" 26,	" Hattie N. Bolton,	" 4,	July 10,	45	62	45	5 50	3 00
" 26,	" Same, .	Aug. 10,	Oct. 10,	45	53	41	5 50	3 00
" 27,	" Angie Y. Pettengill,	June 29,	Aug. 20,	42.5	18	15	† 4 50	2 00

\* Board gratis. † Wages including board.

## WINTER TERMS—1868-9.

Districts.	Names of Teachers.	Term com- menced.	Term closed.	Length of school in days.	No. of scholars registered.	Av. attendance.	No. of scholars in winter, not in summer schools.	Wages per week, excluding board.	Price of board per week.
No. 1,	Miss Fannie S. Waite,	Nov. 30,	Feb. 20,	66	51	47	8	\$5 00	2 75
" 2,	Mr. Geo. H. Buzzell,	Jan. 4,	Mar. 5,	45	31	26	5	*20 00	2 55
" 3,	Miss Martha J. Clark,	Nov. 30,	Jan. 22,	44	35	31	1	5 50	2 25
" 4,	Mr. Cyrus F. Stilson,	Dec. 7,	Feb. 11,	49	23	18	9	*23 00	3 00
" 7,	Miss Abbie Willey,	Sept. 4,	Nov. 6,	44	15	12	1	2 00	2 00
" 8,	Mr. Austin Thomas,	Dec. 23,	Feb. 18,	39	33	28	11	*23 00	2 75
" 10,	" Chas. A. Stilson,	" 7,	" 5,	50	34	26	13	*25 00	3 25
" 11,	Miss Annie M. Webber,	Sept. 23,	Jan. 8,	77	22	14	3	2 75	1 50
" 12,	Mr. Chas. H. Clarey,	Dec. 1,	" 16,	37	30	27	10	*32 00	3 50
" 13,	Miss Bertha O. Gray,	" 7,	Feb. 17,	49	12	11	4	2 50	2 75
" 14,	" Mary L. Wyman, .	Nov. 23,	Jan. 1,	33	30	30	10	7 25	3 00
" 16,	" Annabel Clark,	" 30,	" 29,	46	25	18	16	2 50	2 25
" 17,	" Mattie C. Bryant, .	" 2,	" 8,	51	42	38	5	7 00	2 25
" 18,	" Henrietta A. Yeaton,	Dec. 7,	" 29,	44	14	9	4	5 00	2 00
" 19,	" Paulina Hewitt,	Nov. 9,	" 29,	66.5	15	12	1	2 75	2 50
" 20, B	" Matilda Taylor,	" 30,	" 30,	45	40	30	8	5 00	3 00
" 20, A	Mr. A. G. Whittier,	" 30,	" 30,	45	38	31	5	155 00	-
" 21,	Miss Carrie A. Weston,	" 2,	" 22,	66	13	10	8	2 50	2 50
" 22,	" Abbie Packard,	Dec. 7,	" 30,	44	28	25	12	5 00	2 00
" 23,	Mr. Albert H. Clark,	" 14,	" 29,	36.5	20	16	5	*28 00	3 50
" 24,	Miss Lizzie S. Pierce,	Aug. 10,	Oct. 9,	44	9	9	8	2 00	1 90
" 24,	Same, .	Oct. 26,	Dec. 5,	33	16	13	8	2 00	1 90
" 26,	" Hattie N. Bolton, .	Nov. 2,	" 24,	40	64	50	14	5 50	3 00
" 26,	Same, .	Jan. 11,	Mar. 5,	40	58	42	14	5 50	3 00
" 27,	" Ella S. Pullen, .	Oct. 15,	Dec. 11,	55	28	25	12	2 50	2 00

\* Wages of male teachers per month, excluding board. † Contributed by district to prolong school. ‡ Including board.

Number of children registered in Summer Schools,	630
Average number attending Summer Schools,	479
Number registered in Winter Schools,	726
Average number attending Winter Schools,	598
Number in Winter Schools who did not attend in Summer,	172
Average length of Summer Schools in weeks,	8.36
" " " days,	45.96
" " Winter Schools in weeks,	8.64
" " " days,	47.56
Number of Male Teachers employed in Winter,	7
" Female Teachers employed in Summer,	24
" " " Winter,	16
Average wages of Male Teachers per month, excluding board,	\$28 43
" Female Teachers per week, excluding board,	3 67
" Female Teachers per week, in Summer, ex- cluding board,	3 03
" Female Teachers per week, in Winter, ex- cluding board,	4 05
Average cost of Teachers' board per week,	2 41
" " " in Summer,	2 07
" " " in Winter,	2 60
Amount of money contributed to prolong public schools,	73 50

It will be seen by the foregoing tables that in six districts the schools continued throughout the year without a change of teachers. This is a step in the right direction; we have been unable to find a similar instance in any preceeding year of the history of our public schools.

It is perhaps unnecessary to give a detailed account of each school. We accord to all, with a few exceptions, the credit of good and faithful discharge of duties, fair discipline and commendable improvement.

The exceptions on the part of teachers are, Miss Pettengill, already mentioned in connection with the summer school in district No. 27, and Mr. Albert H. Clark, teacher of the winter term in district No. 23. We owe an apology to both parents and scholars in this district for allowing Mr. Clark to enter the school room as a teacher. He came to us recommended as an experienced and competent teacher; an examination failed to satisfy us as fully as we should desire as to his qualifications, and though fearing that he might prove inadequate to the task of instructing the school we committed the indiscretion of giving him a certificate. Our worst fears were fully realized. The pupils, bright, intelligent and studious, found they had no instructor, and sought elsewhere that aid which they could not obtain in their own loved school-room; the pupils in this school are in no respect second to any in this city.

While engaged in this disagreeable part of our report, it becomes our duty to report a most unhappy and deplorable condition of affairs in district No. 14. This is a case to which language entirely fails to do justice. The winter term was taught by Miss Mary L. Wyman, than whom no better teacher entered a school under our supervision, and we hope there has not yet been conceived in the heart of any person bearing the image of God, or the semblance of humanity, greater insults than were heaped upon her during her short stay in the school-room. The facts as they appear to us are as follows: The agent, Mr. O. A. Chase, (and here we see again the beauties of our district system,) engaged board for the teacher with Mr. White, at a price per week, which many in the district considered, and perhaps justly considered, unreasonable, and receiving no satisfaction from the agent, whose conduct is by no means justifiable, they appealed for a redress of grievances to the Committee and were, of course, informed that the committee had no authority to regulate the price of board, the district having an *agent* to look after that matter.

The next step was to instigate disorderly conduct on the part of the scholars, which resulted in the dismissal of three of them from the

school. The teacher's desk was broken open and her bell stolen, yet no complaint was made against her further than that she had directed a scholar to change his seat, which was regarded by certain of the parents as a heinous crime and an exercise of unreasonable authority. We visited the school several times, and at no time did we hear any other complaint. We informed the parents and scholars that the teacher received our approval most heartily, and that we should not for a moment entertain the thought of closing the school. Then it was that some depraved fiend conceived the dastardly idea of breaking open the school house in the night-time, breaking the windows and benches, and besmearing the teacher's desk with filth too indecent to be mentioned here. We shall have occasion to again refer to this district in our observations in relation to school houses.

We have now depicted the dark side of our year's school history, but as the storm cloud has a silver lining, so is there a bright feature in our school record. It would be a tedious repetition of facts to give even a summary of the condition of each school, or to make particular mention of the merits of each teacher, yet there are some deserving of special mention. Of these, Miss Roberts, teacher of the summer term in district No. 8; Miss Clark in No. 7; Miss Willey in No. 14; Miss Woodward in No. 22; Miss Waite, teacher of the winter term in No. 1; Miss Clark in No. 16; Miss Bryant in No. 17; Miss Packard in No. 22; Miss Bolton in No. 26; Mr. Clary in No. 12, and Mr. Whittier in No. 20 are entitled to special commendations for the efficient and successful manner in which they discharged their respective duties. By a particular mention of these we by no means intend to disparage those of whom we have made no individual mention, except as their names appear in the tables; they have all well earned the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Reading, spelling and writing have received an unusual degree of attention during the past year and great improvement has been made. We have endeavored, with some considerable success, we think, to impress upon teachers the importance of imparting thorough instruction in first principles, of instilling ideas into the minds of their pupils, rather than storing them with words, the language of the text books, and requiring them to go through with, to them, meaningless recitations. We found in our schools many pupils who would answer correctly the questions in grammar, or repeat with precision any rule, yet they could not parse a sentence correctly. They had been simply memorizing words, not acquiring ideas; they had not been taught the application of the rules of grammar, but only to repeat them.

Especially do we see this error of memorizing in the examination of classes in arithmetic. The pupils will solve correctly any problem, and repeat correctly the rule, but there their knowledge ends; in a majority of cases they are unable to give the reason why. This evil can be only partially remedied, and but little permanent good can result from the labors or suggestions of the Committee so long as we continue the present system of semi-annual experiments in teachers. In order to have good schools, we must not only get good teachers but we *must keep them, pay them for their services and demand good work.* Parents, agents and committee must co-operate if they would raise our schools to a standard at which they should be sustained. The field of labor is broad enough, the will to work alone is wanting.

#### OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM.

We have twenty-three suburban school districts and twenty-five schools, the schools in two districts, Nos. 20 and 26, being graded. They are scattered over a wide extent of territory and so unequally laid out, as regards the population, that the school money is divided very unjustly, the largest district receiving the past year, four hundred and sixty dollars and sixty cents, (\$460.60,) while the smallest received but four dollars and ninety cents, (\$4.90.) The result of this unfair distribution of money is, that while the former district enjoys the privileges of four terms of school a year, the latter has had no school at all for the past two years, and the children are growing up in ignorance, while the school agent is waiting to accumulate sufficient funds to employ a teacher. Comment on such a condition of affairs seems to be entirely unnecessary. The city government ought only to understand the evil, in order to apply prompt and searching remedies. The number of districts should be reduced at once, and the whole plan so rearranged as to make the schools as nearly as possible of the same size.

The peculiar configuration of the country may render it impossible so to arrange the districts as to render them equal in point of population, without subjecting many of the scholars to the inconvenience of going a long distance to attend school, but almost any change, which reasonable and intelligent men would be likely to make, would be an improvement upon the present plan. We would suggest, for instance, that district No. 25 be annexed to No. 11; that No. 27 be united to Nos. 23 and 1, and that Nos. 1, 20, 21 and 26 be consolidated into one district, to be styled No. 1, and that a system of graded schools, similar to those of the village district, be maintained therein. It will be seen that the district thus ~~formed would contain more than one-~~

third of the scholars of the suburban schools. The districts should be renumbered, so that the number of a district would give some idea of its location.

The power of employing teachers should be taken from the school agents and entrusted to the Superintending School Committee. It is only by so doing that good teachers can be retained in our schools from term to term.

We quote the following from the report of your Committee for the year ending March, 1868 :

"The constant change of teachers practiced in our districts is exceedingly detrimental to the schools. The instances in which a teacher has been retained a second term are few. Each school becomes an experiment, and the result of success or failure on the part of the teacher is practically the same—a repetition of the experiment next year in another district. With the best of material and training we cannot get good teachers while this practice continues, and the effect upon our schools is still worse.

The State is endeavoring to elevate the standard of education by establishing Normal Schools for the training of teachers, but little can be done for the children of our State through their influence unless the people co-operate. They must build better school houses, pay the teachers more wages, give them employment eight months per year, and then demand better work, and they will get it. By a more liberal expenditure of money, a more effective supervision, and a higher standard of instruction, we may expect to gather a rich harvest of knowledge in a field where the tares of ignorance have been abundant. The School fund should be as popular an investment as government bonds. The educational institutions of the country are quite as important as the financial interests.

We feel that our citizens do not realize the importance of education. Parents are more anxious to gain property for their children than to have their children acquire knowledge for themselves. Wealth that comes not by one's own skill and industry is more likely to prove a curse than a blessing, while the discipline of acquiring an education is of inestimable value and the knowledge obtained is above price.

Every parent should demand of the Committee and the agent that the best teachers be employed, those who have devoted years to the work of preparation, who love their employment, and whose enthusiasm in the great work will arouse the youthful mind to noble endeavors."

At least a majority of the Committee should be required to visit each school as often as twice each term. This would give four visits instead of two as is now usual. Indeed in our own judgment it would be better for the interests of the schools to require that each school be visited weekly by some member of the Committee. We should certainly watch our schools and teachers as carefully as a prudent business man does his business affairs and employees.

What would be thought of the merchant who employed a clerk or salesman, sent him to his store, and never so much as looked in upon him for weeks and months, and only sent an agent to visit him for a few hours twice or three times a year? What would be thought of the farmer, who sent his hired man into his field to labor, and bestowed no further thought or attention upon him for months? Surely when such a merchant became bankrupt, and such a farmer found himself an inmate of an alms-house, the good people would exclaim in all soberness, "*good enough for him, he might have known it would be so.*" But thus they treat our public schools, the people's colleges, the dearest interests of their children, the hope and stay of republican institutions, the great luminary which is yet to civilize and enlighten the world, and never for one moment dream but that they have done their duty to their children, and to the community. And with all this apathy on their part, they even wonder that there are failures in our schools, and grumble and growl at the Committee because "their school has been good for nothing this term." Oh! "Let him who is without sin, first cast a stone." Let Mr. Growler first ask himself what he has done to make his school otherwise than *good for nothing*? Has he visited it? Not at all. Has he even called on the teacher? Or sought his acquaintance? Or invited him to his house? Or had a friendly talk with him about the wants, or disposition of his children? Does he know anything of the school, except what he has learned from his own or his neighbor's children? Has it ever occurred to him that in all his fault-finding he has been talking about that of which he has no knowledge? Does he realize that by his conduct he is doing great injustice, not only to the teacher, but to the community, to himself, and to his children?

We have not learned of an instance during the past year, wherein parents have visited a school-room under our supervision for the purpose of witnessing the progress and discipline of the school. Can our public schools be expected to be prosperous, or attain any high degree of efficiency while this lack of interest in their welfare continues? If parents cannot or will not visit the schools themselves, they should at least authorize and require the Committee to do so weekly.

### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

It becomes our duty to ask the particular attention of the City Council to the condition of the school-houses in Districts Nos. 2 and 14. We perhaps cannot better describe their dilapidated condition than in the language of a former Committee :

"Parents and voters of Districts Nos. — and —, look to your school-houses. Are they suitable places in which to train and educate your children? You erect commodious and comfortable *barns* and *stables* for your cattle and horses; you visit them daily, bestow upon them much time and attention, and mark their progress with satisfaction.

Is it thus with your children; Do you visit them *once* in the school-room during the year? Do you know that they are sitting on benches not wide enough for a child of three summers, and yet high enough for a man of six feet? Do you know that the *old land-marks* leak in summer and are cold in winter? That they are out of date, out of repair, and ought to be out of the world? Fearing that you do not know these facts, we feel it our duty to give these few *gentle hints*, trusting that a word to the wise will be sufficient, and that ere long we shall see school-houses erected in pleasant places, convenient and attractive, where your children will love to be, and you enjoying the satisfaction of having at last discharged a sacred duty."

Three years ago the parents and voters of Districts 2 and 14 had their attention thus called to the condition of their school-houses. A year ago their attention was in like manner called to the same subject. The houses in the meantime have gone on from bad to worse; and at the present time there is not a well-to-do farmer in the State who would think of putting his cattle into such hovels, or who would not regard the offer of such a shelter as an insult to his swine. Under these circumstances it would be a dereliction of duty on our part if we left the voters in those districts to the chances of being influenced by a "word to the wise," for we should have strong reasons to doubt the application of the "word" to the *wise*. And experience has taught us that "the satisfaction of having at last discharged a sacred duty" has been of very little influence in those localities.

We therefore recommend that the City Council cause legal meetings of the voters in Districts Nos. 2 and 14, respectively, to be called as soon as practicable, for the purpose of raising money for building new school-houses in said districts, the plans for the erection of such school-houses to be submitted to the Superintending School Committee for approval in conformity with the provisions of section 30, of chapter 11, of the revised statutes. And in case of the refusal or neglect on the part of said districts to raise money sufficient for the erection of suitable school-houses therein, we recommend the enforcement of the provisions of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1867, entitled "An act additional to chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to building school-houses."

We are happy in this connection to report that the "word to the wise" has not been sown altogether on "stony ground," or amid "tares," but much seed has fallen on good ground and brought forth fruit abundantly.



In District No. 1, the evil so long and so often complained of, that of changing from school-house No. 1 to No. 2 in the middle of the term, has been remedied. One house has been or is to be sold, and the other has been removed to a more central portion of the district and in its external appearance has been thoroughly renovated. The ensuing summer it is to be furnished with modern desks and chairs in place of its present unsightly benches. The people of this district have begun a good work, which we trust they will carry forward in the same spirit of improvement which has thus far actuated them.

The school-houses in districts Nos. 10, 11, 19 and 20, have been greatly improved the past year; and those in districts Nos. 16 and 17, have been so thoroughly repaired as to pass for new houses, no vestige of their former ugliness remaining.

The following table shows the assessments in the several districts and the amount expended for repairs:

Districts.	Amount assessed.	Expended.	Expended less than assessment.	Expended more than assessment.
No. 1, .	- -	\$603 00		
" 10, .	\$136 49	127 75	\$8 75	
" 11, . .	104 08	111 97	- -	\$7 89
" 16, .	262 42	233 75	38 67	
" 17, .	514 81	233 88	280 93	
" 19, .	40 01	42 55		2 54
" 20, .	210 00	266 38		56 38
Total, . .	\$1,267 81	\$1,619 28	\$328 35	\$66 81

\*No assessment in this district.

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL AGENTS.

We desire school agents to carefully read the following extracts from the School Laws of the State, and comply strictly with their requirements:

SECT. 53. "*Fourth*—Before the commencement of a school, to give written notice to some member of the Superintending School Committee, when it is to commence, whether to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue.

*Fifth*—To return to the municipal officers, prior to the expiration of his term of service, an account of his official expenditures with the necessary vouchers therefor.

*Sixth*—\* \* \* \* Each school agent shall return to the Superintending School Committee, in the month of April, annually, a certified list of the names and ages of all persons in his district, from four to twenty-one years, as they existed on the first day of said month, leaving out of said enumeration all persons coming from other places to attend any college or ~~university, or to labor in any factory, or~~ at any manufacturing or other business."—Act of March 23, 1865, chap. 304, sect. 3.

"SECT. 55. If any agent *neglects* to give written notice to the Superintending School Committee, when any school in his district is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue, he shall *forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given.*"

During the past year no agent has complied fully with the requirements of specification "*Fourth*;" nearly all have notified the Committee verbally, or in writing, of the time the schools were to commence, but have not done so in regard to the time of closing, while the teacher has not been mentioned in any case. We would suggest as a guide to agents, the following form of notice, which can be sent through the post office and be sure of reaching the Committee :

*To the Superintending School Committee of Augusta :*

The ——— term in District No. —, will commence on Monday, the ——— day of ———, and continue about — weeks, under the instruction of M— ———.

————— *School Agent.*

AUGUSTA, Maine, — —, 18—.

The agents of districts Nos. 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24, have complied with the requirements of specification "*Fifth*," the other agents have as yet made no return.

School agents should immediately after the *first* day of April, annually, return to the Superintending School Committee the *names* and *ages* of all children in their respective districts, as required by specification "*Sixth*." *If the agent for the past year* is in office on the first day of April, *he* should *at once* make such return; he should *not* leave it to be done by his successor.

Another school year is about to commence; school agents are to be chosen; upon their selection will largely depend the character and usefulness of the schools for the year. The agent holds an important trust; upon him depends what shall be the character of the teachers to be employed. It rests with him to determine whether the district's money shall be wisely or wastefully expended. How important then, it is that the agent should be judiciously chosen. We fear that the agent is too generally selected, not from his interest in the schools, or fitness for the office, but rather as a matter of courtesy, or because no one else will take the office. If the people of a district are unanimous for a good school, care in the selection of the best man for agent should be manifested; one who will spare no pains in securing teachers of moral worth, good education and fitness for instructing and disciplining a school. We would confidently suggest that if the inhabitants, ~~of our several districts would~~ take this matter into serious

and practical consideration the results would prove highly gratifying to them.

In conclusion, we feel it our duty to again urge upon the people, and more especially, the parents of our scholars, the vast importance of a more interested personal feeling in the success of our schools. Without the hearty co-operation of all concerned, it is impossible for our schools to accomplish the object for which they are intended. Will then our citizens see to it, that a more lively interest in their welfare be exercised, that they may become what they ought to be, the nurseries of intelligence and virtue?

The agent, the teacher and the Committee may all be faithful, but only partial success will attend their efforts, unless by visiting the schools and enquiring after their management and discipline, the parents testify to their interest in the welfare of those whose destinies are in their immediate keeping.

Our labors for the year are now closed. It would indeed be surprising if in the discharge of our official duties, we had not committed many errors, but whatever those errors may have been, we trust they have been of the head and not of the heart. However much we may have omitted, we have endeavored to do our duty impartially, and to report the condition of our schools as they appeared to us.

G. P. COCHRANE,	} <i>Sup. School</i>	
SAMUEL W. LANE,		} <i>Committee</i>
SAMUEL UPJOHN,		

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1869.

## APPENDIX.

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### PENAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING SCHOOLS.

(Extract from Revised Statutes, Chap. 11.)

SECT. 71. If any person, whether he is a scholar or not, enters any school house or any other place of instruction during or out of school hours, while the teacher or any pupil is there, and wilfully interrupts or disturbs the teacher or pupils by loud speaking, rude or indecent behavior, signs or gestures; or wilfully interrupts a school by prowling about the building, making noises, throwing missiles at the school house, or in any way disturbing the school, he shall forfeit not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid, or by complaint before a justice of the peace.\*

SECT. 72. If a minor injures or aids in injuring any school house, out-buildings, utensils or appurtenances belonging thereto; defaces the walls, benches, seats or other parts of said buildings, by marks, cuts, or otherwise; or injures or destroys any property belonging to a school district, such district by its agent or committee, may recover of its parent or guardian, in an action of debt, double the amount of damages occasioned thereby.

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### CITY ORDINANCE.

#### CHAPTER XVIII.—TRUANT CHILDREN.

SECTION 1. Any child between the ages of six and seventeen years, without regular and lawful occupation, and growing up in ignorance, who shall, when able to attend school, be absent therefrom for at least half the time during any twelve successive days, while school is kept, shall be liable to a penalty of two dollars; and if absent the whole of said twelve days, to a penalty of five dollars.

SECT. 2 If any such children shall become habitual truants, by

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\* If one over twenty-one years of age voluntarily attends a town school, and is received as a scholar by the instructor, he has the same rights and duties, and is under the same restrictions and liabilities, as if under that age.—*Stevens vs. Fasset* 27 Me. 266. When a scholar in school hours intrudes himself into the instructor's desk, and refuses to leave it on the request of the instructor, such scholar may be lawfully removed by the instructor. And for that purpose, he may immediately use such force, and call to his assistance such aid from any other person, as is necessary to accomplish the object, without the direction or knowledge of the Superintending School Committee.—16. The stat., 1850, chap. 193, art. 10, sect. 13, (containing the provisions of sect. 71, above,) for the protection of schools, is applicable to private schools, regularly established and in operation for instruction in the art of writing.—*State vs. Litch* 22 Me. 192.

unnecessarily absenting themselves from school, and shall after being notified to attend school by one of the Board of Directors for the Village District, (if said children shall belong to said district,) or by one of the Superintending School Committee of said city, (if they shall not,) or by the teacher of the school to which they belong, unnecessarily absent themselves therefrom for more than one day within the succeeding twelve days, they shall pay a fine of five dollars each.

SECT. 3. The house on the City Farm of said city shall be the House of Reformation, and the Judge of the Municipal Court, the judicial officer, under the sixteenth section of the first article of the "act to provide for the education of youth," approved August 27, 1850.

SECT. 4. The superintendent of said City Farm shall receive such children as may be sent to said House of Reformation, and shall keep them diligently employed during the term for which they may be sent there.

### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Since the foregoing report was written, the inhabitants of district No 14, at a meeting called for the purpose, have voted to raise money for the erection of a new school house the ensuing summer, a plan of which has been submitted to the Superintending School Committee for their approval.

### TEXT BOOKS.

The Committee authorize the use of the following text books in the schools under their charge :

*Reading Books*—Bible ; Town's Progressive Series of Readers ; Quackenbos' School and Primary Histories, (adopted Nov. 1864.)

*Spellers*—Town's Progressive.

*Dictionaries*—Webster's or Worcester's.

*Geographies*—Cornell's, (adopted June, 1868.)

*Arithmetics*—Greenleaf's New Practical, (adopted Apr. 1867.)

*Algebras*—Smyth's and Greenleaf's.

*Grammars*—Quackenbos'.

*Philosophy*—Quackenbos' Natural.

*Chemistry*—Youman's.

*Writing Books*—The Spencerian System, (adopted Mar. 31, 1869.)

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AUGUSTA, March 31, 1869.

## Notice to Teachers.

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The Superintending School Committee of Augusta will be in session at the office of S. W. Lane, on Wednesday the 28th day of April, at 2 o'clock P. M., and on each succeeding Wednesday for four weeks, for the purpose of examining teachers for the summer schools.

SAMUEL W. LANE, } *Sup. School*  
SAMUEL UPJOHN, } *Committee*  
C. F. PENNEY, } *of Augusta.*

AUGUSTA, March 31, 1869.